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73 Is Evangelism Year For Mississippi Baptists

Threat Of Bomb Evacuates Baptist Children's Home

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (BP) — A bomb threat was made against the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home near here, causing the evacuation of about 35 adult workers. All the children were in school at the time.

Police and fire department officials found a small electronic device attached to a bottle containing liquid resembling nitroglycerine, but there was no explosion.

Officials were not even sure it was a real bomb. The liquid was sent to Atlanta to verify whether or not it was indeed explosive.

"It all depends on the contents of the bottle," said Nashville police Sgt. Thomas Dozier. "Whoever built the device had the right idea about making a bomb," he added.

There was no apparent motive for the bomb threat.

At about 6:30 a.m., Robert E. Nelson (Continued on page 3)

21,000 Baptisms Set As Objective For Year

Nineteen seventy-three will be Mississippi Baptists' year for emphasis on evangelism, it has been declared by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the State Convention Board.

This emphasis on the primary task of winning of the lost has been overwhelmingly adopted by the Convention Board and the Convention and logically follows the 1972 Convention-approved emphasis on Sunday School Enlargement and Development, he continued.

This special effort is under the direction of the Department of Evangelism, Rev. Roy Collum, secretary, who said that "Evangelism '73" is the program prepared by the department and suggested "as the one through which the churches and associations can work together for a great experience in winning the lost throughout the year."

"The Master Soul Winner said, 'Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest.' (John 4:35)."

"Each pastor of our state feels keenly the urgency of winning people to Jesus Christ. Our laymen and women and youth are joining with uplifted

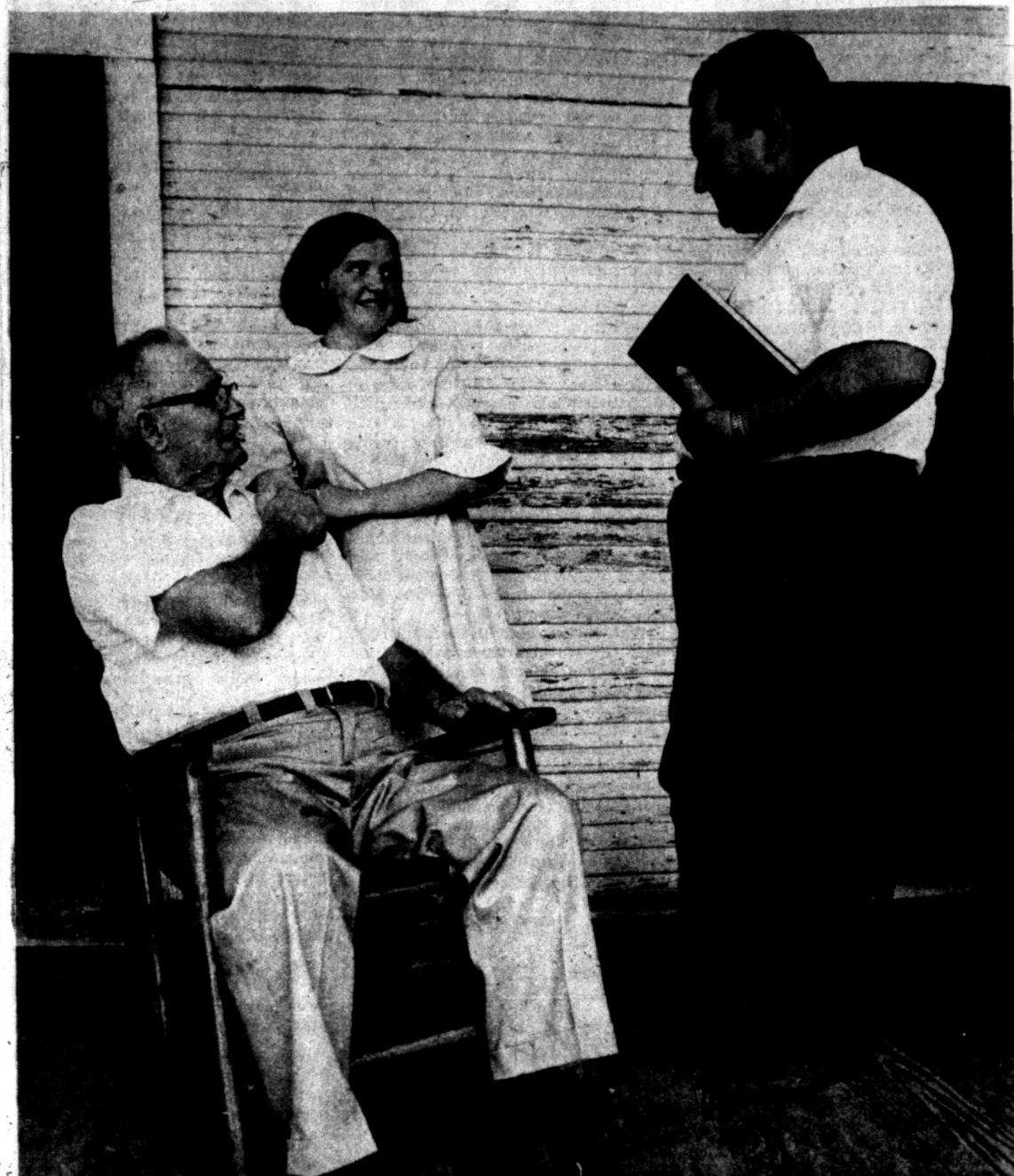
eyes and hearts in a spirit of urgency and true awakening to the cries of lost people all around them.

"The great People-to-People, Enlarge Now effort in 1972 has proved most successful in preparing the way for 'Evangelism '73' in Mississippi Baptist churches. Lost people have been located, contacted, and cultivated in outreach efforts to enlist them in Bible Study in the Sunday Schools. No doubt many have already been won to faith in Christ.

"However, as in our Lord's parable of the great supper, we again hear the command: 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in...' even more urgently now.

"There are still many around us who have not been reached. We have only begun to reach them. Our faithful pastors are busy at the task, but they cannot begin to do it alone. Only

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Visitor with Bible witnesses to two persons on front porch of home. (HMB photo)

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Baptist Properties Suffer Damage From Earthquake

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (BP) — All six Baptist churches in this capital city of Nicaragua were destroyed and the buildings housing the Baptist seminary were seriously damaged in the earthquake which hit two days before Christmas.

The American Baptist hospital in the city was 80 percent destroyed, according to reports from American Baptist Churches' headquarters in Valley Forge, Pa., USA.

American Baptist Churches' (formerly Convention) has had a missionary ministry in Nicaragua for many years, a spokesman said.

From local churches to the Baptist World Alliance, Baptists responded immediately to the mounting needs here with open hearts and hands.

Although the Southern Baptist Convention has no missionaries in Nicaragua, the SBC Foreign Mission

Board authorized use of \$5,000 for emergency aid. The SBC board sent A. Clark Scanlon, its field representative for Central America, to assess the needs.

All patients in the American Baptist hospital in Managua were evacuated before it collapsed, said Dr. Gustavo Parajon, an appointee of American Baptist International Ministries who contacted ABC officials in the United States by short-wave radio.

Dr. Parajon said no American Baptist churches missionary personnel or members of their families were among the thousands killed or injured in the quake which devastated the city of 300,000.

Due to scarcity of communications and transportation facilities, information about conditions at the scene was difficult to piece together more than a week after the disaster struck.

As tons of material flowed into Managua from donors the world over,

conflicting reports arose concerning the need for doctors and medical supplies.

Amigos Internacionales, an organization of Christian medical practitioners sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was ready to send a plane load of doctors with medical supplies, if needed, according to Baptist leaders in Dallas.

However, a U. S. Department official told Baptist Press that medical personnel and supplies in the quake-torn area were adequate.

An official from the Nicaraguan state task force group in Washington, D. C., said the number of people injured was not as great as generally assumed compared to the number killed. Apparently most people had sufficient warning to evacuate buildings before they collapsed.

The State Department official said two field hospitals totaling 124 beds had been set up in Managua but few people needed to be hospitalized. Doctors treated about 1,000 people in the first day or two, she said.

Robert C. Campbell, Valley Forge, General Secretary of American Baptist (Continued on page 2)



BAPTIST FOUNDATION SPONSORS 'MAKE YOUR WILL MONTH' IN JANUARY

Some people are committed to things. Every moment is spent in trying to gain more and more, which often results in enjoying life less and less. Some people are committed to care. They care for their families as they provide for all their needs. They care for God's work as they support it day after day. They care for the future of the kingdom as they provide for its support, even after their passing. Where do your basic commitments lie? There is peace for those who are committed to care.

State Baptists Give Largest Amount To Missions In 1972

Mississippi Baptists in 1972 made the largest contributions to missions in their history, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary - treasurer.

Total contributions from the churches during the year exceeded the Cooperative Program budget of \$4,600,000 by \$23,988.87.

All items in the Advance Budget have been paid and the year just closed finds the Convention Board finances in excellent shape, Dr. Hudgins added.

Religion In Review

'72--The Year Of The Surge Of Conservatism

By Norman E. Rohrer, Director
EP News Service

Despite predictions by some that 1972 would be one of the most turbulent years before the climax of history, the period was characterized instead as a time of calm redirection for the Church, a winding down of loud protest and a surging of conservative effort.

Stalwart Americans in Apollo 17 took their final flight of a series to earth's sibling while poverty, pollution, and despair continued to haunt the watery planet.

As many Christian people found

'Top Ten' Stories

Religion Involved In '72 News

- NEW YORK (RNS) — A quest for personal spiritual experience and religious involvement in election year issues were the top 1972 news developments in religion.
- The ten top stories, chosen by the news and photo staffs of Religious News Service, were:
1. Quest for personal spiritual experience: upsurge in evangelism, charismatic movement, Expiro 72, buildup for Key 73 with Catholic participation.
 2. Religious involvement in politics, particularly the election campaigns (majority of Catholic voters support a Republican President for the first time).
 3. Abortion controversy and growth of right to life forces.
 4. Vietnam war: Harrisburg trial and the Berrigans, amnesty issue, pull-out of U.S. ground troops, debate over air war, peace negotiations.
 5. Death of Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras and election of his successor, Demetrios I.
 6. Blacks elected to top posts in World and National Councils of Churches (Dr. Philip Potter as WCC general secretary and the Rev. W. Sterling Cary as NCC president).
 7. Repression and terrorism: Munich and Lod Airport massacres, Jews in the Soviet Union, blacks and anti-racism churchmen under fire in southern Africa, Ugandan expulsion of Asians, bloodbath in Burundi, Jehovah's Witnesses ousted from Malawi.
 8. Conflicts in Ireland: British takeover of Ulster, abrogation of "special position" of Catholic Church in Republic of Ireland.
 9. President Nixon's visits to China and Soviet Union spur religious hopes for world peace.
 10. Women make gains in religion: Episcopal bishops endorse women priests, Sally Priesand becomes first U.S. woman rabbi. But Pope Paul continues ban against women in most formal ministries of Catholic Church.
- Other developments placing high were:
- Withdrawal of United Presbyterian Church from Consultation on Church Union.
 - U.S. Supreme Court declares death penalty as administered unconstitutional.
 - Efforts continue to win public aid for parochial schools.
 - Presbyterians and Congregationalists in England and Wales merge; Church of England votes against merger with Methodist Church in England.
 - Restructures of national level organizations of several Protestant denominations and of the National Council of Churches.
 - Controversy in Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod over alleged doctrinal laxity at Concordia Theological Seminary.
 - U.S. Cathedral bishops issue pastoral on education.
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Nineteen Die In Collision Of Church Bus With Cattle Truck

FORT SUMNER, N. M. (BP)—Nineteen persons en route to a Baptist retreat were killed near here when a school bus collided with a loaded cattle truck. Fourteen other bus passengers were injured.

The collision occurred in clear, but cold weather on U. S. Highway 60 about nine miles east of Fort Sumner. It was dark at the time of the accident, about 6:45 p.m.

Chartered by Woodlawn Baptist Church of Austin, Tex., and driven by an adult sponsor, identified as Jerry Estes, the school bus was taking a youth group to Vadito, N.M., a ski center near Santa Fe.

Fifteen youth and four adults were killed. Dead included the bus driver and his wife and the wife and daughter of Ron Hicks, Minister of Education for the Austin church. The truck driver received minor injuries.

It appeared the eastbound truck jackknifed in front of the westbound bus. The wreck occurred at a small bridge which local residents consider "very narrow and dangerous."

The highway there is only two lanes. Cause of the accident was not immediately determined. A state highway policeman reached the scene within 20 minutes after the collision.

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Conservative Gains

While the influence of many denominational book, magazine and curriculum publishers waned, conservative evangelical publishers came on strong. Their book market was intact; their periodicals reached peak circulation figures; their Sunday school literature flourished as people sought the authoritative word from the Lord.

Sober celebration marked the approach of a cease-fire in Indochina as Americans mourned the loss of 56,000 of its citizens in the bloody 11-year war that somewhat eroded the nation's confidence in itself and in its judgment. Holding on to the dogmas of the quiet-past, church people in the age of the fiberglass steeple launched Key 73, the largest national combined evangelistic effort in history, involving 130 denominations and groups.

Christians in 1972 were divided on the issue of amnesty for some 70,000 young men who left the country to avoid the military draft. Followers of Jesus Christ were scolded for "galloping apathy" by reacting against the social activism of the 1960s...praised

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'73: Evangelism Year

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to the extent that our people come under the impact of the urging of the Holy Spirit and yield themselves to His leading, depending completely upon Him for the power to go and witness to the last lost person in our communities, can the real harvest come.

"Mississippi Baptists are on the move for the Lord. We are encouraged and assured that it will be so in 1973."

Mr. Collum added that this program means "Every Mississippi Baptist... Living the Spirit of Christ... Involved in Witness Training and Activity... Vitalized in a Personal Experience of Renewal... Evangelize Mississippi Now."

This comprehensive program also includes the following:

Lay Evangelism, including Lay Evangelism Schools, Campus Evangelism, Youth Evangelism, Renewal Evangelism and Association-sponsored Revivals in Churches and communities nearby where no baptisms have been reported.

Mr. Collum further suggested that churches and associations check the list of possible activities presented in the folder mailed to all pastors and superintendents of missions and choose the emphasis which will be most effective in each case.

Mississippi Baptists baptized 18,308 people in 1971 and reports for 1972, while not yet complete, indicate an increase for 1972 over 1971.

Our goal for 1972 is 21,000, the secretary said.

In support of this special effort there will be the State Evangelism Conference at Harrisburg Church in Tupelo Feb. 5-7, special Leadership Training Renewal Week-End at Camp

Garaywa Feb. 23-24, the Statewide Evangelism Conference for Laymen and their wives March 2-3 at First Baptist Church in Jackson, Association Youth Night March 17, church, association-wide and area-wide renewals and crusades in March and April, special emphasis in Vacation Bible Schools as well as assemblies, camps, and retreats.

For assistance and materials write: Evangelism, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

In addition to the above Mr. Collum said that "every week we receive glowing reports from churches who have had WIN Schools, and requests from others desiring them. The reports unanimously emphasize three main positive results in the churches: a deepening of the spiritual lives of the participants, many members actually witnessing for the first time in their lives, and the thrill of seeing people accept Christ as their Saviour."

In reference to "Key '73," Mr. Collum said that "while the Mississippi Baptist Convention is not participating in this interdenominational program, participation on a local level is encouraged if the churches individually so desire."

"The various activities suggested in 'Live '73' will provide a basis for individual church and associational participation helpful in 'Key '73.' The matter is, of course, left to the decision of the churches."

Dr. Hudgins said that emphasis on evangelism in 1973 is part of a five-year Convention Board-approved program, with membership Development set for 1974, Stewardship and Missions in 1975 and Christian Patriotism in 1976. Sunday School Enlargement was observed in 1972.



AN EVANGELISM PROGRAM FOR
MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS 1972-1973
EVERY MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST...

LIVING THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST (Philippians 1:11)

1. Christian Live Revivals
2. Christian Life Retreats
3. Watch Night Commitment
4. Prayer and Bible Study Daily

INVOLVED IN WITNESS TRAINING AND ACTIVITY

(Ephesians 4:12)

1. Lay Evangelism Schools
2. Witness Training Youth Choirs
3. College Student Witness Training

VITALIZED IN A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF RENEWAL

(Ephesians 4:22-24)

1. Renewal Evangelism Weekends
2. Renewal Retreats for Youth
3. Revival and Renewal Meetings

EVANGELIZING MISSISSIPPI NOW

1. Personal Witnessing Continuing Activities (Acts 6:7)
2. Student to Student Evangelism
3. Beach and Resort Witnessing
4. "Super Summer '73"
5. Youth Choir Evangelistic Tours
6. Youth to Youth Witnessing



Son Of Dr. Gordon Sansing, Fatally Injured In Accident

Tim Sansing of Jackson, 28, son of Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Sansing, pastor of First Baptist Church, Grenada, died at Baptist Hospital in Jackson, on Saturday, December 23, as a result of injuries sustained from a fall while working at a construction site in Jackson the day before.

Funeral Services were held in Jackson on Tuesday, December 26, with Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins and Dr. Mark E. Gutzke, officiating.

Mr. Sansing is survived by his wife, his parents and two brothers, one of whom was his twin.

Pastor At Mt. Nelson



The Mount Nelson Church (Neshoba) has called Jack Barker to become its pastor. Jackie was ordained at Noxapater Church on November 19 and has already begun his work at Mt. Nelson. Rev. Leo Barker is pastor at Noxapater.

Nineteen Die--

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It took about two hours to pry the dead and injured from the wreckage and longer to clear the roadway.

An ambulance driver who helped carry the injured to hospitals said the bus' "front end was pushed about halfway through the bus like an accordion. It was all torn to pieces."

Despite the impact, the bus remained upright. Gas spilled over the highway but there was no fire.

Ron Killough, Minister of Youth for the 1500-member church, was riding in a bus ahead carrying 31 more persons to the retreat. The two buses were about half a mile apart.

Killough said the first school bus belongs to the church. The wrecked bus was rented from a transport leasing firm but driven by an unpaid church sponsor.

Fort Sumner is a small, county seat town in a sparsely settled area of eastern New Mexico. Some of the injured were taken to hospitals in Clovis, N. M., a city 63 miles away.

John Roberts, driver of the first bus, saw the collision in his rear view mirror, wire service reports indicated. He had crossed the bridge and passed the cattle truck seconds earlier. He realized the truck and following bus might reach the narrow bridge at the same time.

Roberts saw the lights of the second bus flash and go out. He stopped his bus at once. Killough went back to see what happened, Roberts reported.

Roberts was quoted as telling those riding his bus: "You're going to see something you've never probably seen before in your life. If you can't stand to see your brothers and sisters mangled and possibly killed, don't get off the bus. Just pray."

One account surmised the truck hit the bridge railing and its trailer, then swung over the center line into the path of the bus.

Investigators returned to the accident scene the following morning for further study before filing a formal accident report.

The wreck was called one of the worst in New Mexico history.

First Baptist Church of Fort Sumner responded to the emergency immediately. It provided food and overnight lodging for many passengers on the first bus. Some were accommodated by Baptists in Clovis.

Relatives of the dead and injured started for the scene as soon as word of the tragedy reached Austin. Passengers on the first bus returned to Austin as soon as possible.

It was first supposed the two busloads of young people from Woodlawn Church were en route to the 4-day winter conference for high schoolers at the Southern Baptist Conference Center at Gorieta, N. M., also near Santa Fe.

Killough reported, however, the young people had not been able to get accommodations at Gorieta. Instead, they arranged for a 4-day private retreat at Vadito through an organization, youth-style ministries, based in Abilene, Tex.

Baptist Properties - - -

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tist Churches, said a bulletin was being sent to executive ministers of the denomination's regions, states, and cities. He said letters signed by himself and by ABC Associate General Secretary Chester J. Jump were being mailed to all ABC pastors urging churches to receive a special offering for relief of the Managua earthquake victims on the Sundays of Jan. 7 and-or-14.

W. Hubert Porter, another ABC official, was named to coordinate American Baptist relief efforts. Porter said \$5,000 has been made available for Managua from reserve funds.

A succession of disastrous floods and other catastrophes during the year had depleted the budget of the ABC World Relief Committee, Porter added.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board authorized Jimmy Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., to buy a new jeep-type vehicle and have it flown to Managua for use by American Baptist hospital staff as an ambulance and supply vehicle.

"I'm glad our Foreign Mission Board was ready to move quickly to meet needs in Managua," said Allen. After meeting emergency needs, aid from Southern Baptists will be channeled through the Nicaraguan National Baptist leaders, said Charles Bryan, Secretary for Middle America for the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

During the first week after the quake, Bryan said, a number of pastors contacted him concerning aid to Managua. Funds for this purpose should be designated "earthquake relief" and sent to the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., he said.

Baptist World Alliance headquarters in Washington, D. C., also is collecting relief donations for Nicaragua. Plans for rebuilding Baptist facilities were indefinite since Nicaraguan officials had not decided where to relocate the city.



Given Lottie Moon Commemorative Award

Dr. and Mrs. John A. Abernathy, left, retired missionaries, from Hot Springs, Ark., received a Lottie Moon Commemorative Award from the 17,000-member First Church, Dallas, and its pastor W. A. Criswell. The church presented the award for the first time to honor the Abernathys' 40 years service in the Orient and personalize and spotlight attention on the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. — (Photo by David Clanton).



William Carey College. Student Government president Reid Hopper and his wife, Sarah Landrum Hopper, both seniors, reflect upon the age-old Christmas story as found in their large family Bible. The background is a gold manger scene especially prepared by students for the patio of Carey's Thomas Fine Arts Building on the Hattiesburg campus. Mr. and Mrs. Hopper are both from Gulfport. They will receive their degrees in May of this year.



Forest Presents Christmas Opera

The music ministry of Forest Church presented the one-act Christmas opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" on Sunday evening, December 17. Amahl, a crippled boy, was portrayed by Barry Phillips. The music director is James B. McElroy. The accompanist and vocal coach is Mrs. D. R. Gibson, Jr.



East Fork (Amite) Remodels

East Fork Church, Amite County, has completed a debt-free building program. The auditorium with adjoining two-story educational facility was bricked at a cost of \$15,000. In addition, the auditorium was paneled and carpeted at a cost of \$5,000. The pastor of the church is Dr. Wayne E. Sterling. The paneling committee consisted of Bill Sharp, chairman, Randolph Burris, and Mrs. Jones Martin. Members of the brick committee were Elliott Moore, chairman, Ralph Moak, and Robert Turner.

Students Raise \$6,000 In Two Days For Evangelism

MILL VALLEY, Ca.—Two student-led pledge days for a Seminary-proposed Chair of Evangelism at Golden Gate Seminary brought in almost \$6,000 in pledge funds from students, faculty and staff at Golden Gate Seminary, Nov. 28-29.

R. Eugene Kishen, master of divinity student from Fresno, Ca., is leading a Student Council-appointed committee in helping to raise the funds, for which the students' goal is \$10,000. In two days, pledges and gifts amounted to \$5,885, Kishen said. He added that many other students had indicated to him their intent to pledge in the near future.

Realizing it would be difficult to raise \$10,000 among the student body, Kishen, who is pastor of First Baptist Church, Gustine, Ca., and the student committee for the Endowment of the Chair of Evangelism enlisted the aid of fellow students in sending out more than 400 personal letters to friends, relatives and anyone who might be willing to help.

BBC Wants Favorite Hymns

The British Broadcasting Corporation is asking listeners for the titles of their favorite hymns for use in a new television program of requested hymns. "The Choice Is Yours" is the title of the new series starting in January on BBC-1. Selected choirs throughout Britain will sing hymns selected by viewers.

The British Broadcasting Corporation says: "For many people certain hymns are associated with special moments in their lives—a particular incident, a special person, or maybe an inner experience either of comfort or challenge."

SBC Convention Charter Flight

Attention has been called to an error in the story concerning the possibility of a charter flight to the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland next June, which appeared in the Baptist Record for Dec. 21.

The story stated that the flight would leave Jackson on Monday morning. This is in error, since plans call for the flight to leave Jackson about 4:00 on Sunday afternoon for a non-stop trip to Portland, arriving there in less than four hours. This would allow those making the trip to be in their pulpits on Sunday morning and still be able to drive to Jackson from most areas of the state in time for the flight. It also would allow the full day at the Pastor's Conference on Monday. The return would be on Friday, so that those going would take in the full convention. Costs would be considerably less than regular scheduled flights.

Church Literature Refund Scheduled

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board is making a refund of \$415,000 to church literature customers.

The voluntary refund, most of which will go to Southern Baptist churches, represents earnings for the 1971-72 fiscal year above the amount allowed by Economic Stabilization Program guidelines.

Credit vouchers for the refund are scheduled for mailing to churches on January 31. Vouchers will be redeemable for a check; for credit against any account owned to the Sunday School Board; for purchasing church literature; or for purchasing merchandise from Baptist Book Stores.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the board, stated that the year's earnings were affected favorably by economy efforts throughout the year at the board.

"The increase in price in church literature items during the year was justified on the basis of increased product costs," said Sullivan. "The new prices were within pricing guidelines. However, we discovered that operating efficiencies during the year had caused large earnings than we had anticipated or were allowed by federal regulations."

Earnings of the Sunday School Board are used for support of education and service programs benefiting Southern Baptist churches, plus fixed asset and reserve requirements of the board.

Christmas Program For Mexicans, In Spanish Language

The Christmas Program and celebration at the Baptist Mission for Spanish-speaking Mexicans was a gala event on Sunday, December 17, 2 p.m.

Between 65 and 70 attended. The Sunday school superintendent, Joe Burgos, opened services with a song and prayer. Mrs. Benjamin Burgos, Sr., widow of the late Rev. Benjamin Burgos, pastor, narrated the program which had been written in Spanish by Mississippi College student, daughter of a Cuban Baptist minister, Rebecca Pichs, when she visited the Burgos home for the Thanksgiving holidays and used the time to visit all resident Mexican families in the area.

A Spanish poem was read by Mrs. Eli (Patricia) Burgos. Those taking part under the direction of Miss Pichs were the following young people: Mary, Susanna Caudillo; Joseph, Frank Contreras; Three Wise Men, Adam Contreras, Andrew Contreras, Benito Ruiz, Star, Eli Burgos, Jr.; Shepherds, Sammy Contreras, Roberta Caudillo; Angels, Ben Contreras, Francisca Lopez, Linda Ruiz, Muriello Caudillo. Rev. Will Carter, student minister from Mississippi College, was guest speaker. Following the singing of "Noche de Paz" (Silent Night), volunteers passed out presents to the children from the Christmas tree in the corner while other volunteers served punch from one of the Sunday School rooms. Gifts had been arranged by Mrs. Burgos and family, and were contributed by Rev. and Mrs. Foster, former migrant missionaries who once served the Mission here, and Bellevue Church, Rev. J. C. Ray, pastor.

CAMPO GRANDE, Brazil — Four hundred eighty-two persons registered "decisions" regarding Christian life and work during a mid-November evangelistic campaign in this city of 140,000 population. Southern Baptist missionary Ernest C. Wilson Jr., who led the preparation of counselors and is directing follow-up work, said that most of the decisions were to accept CHRIST as Savior. Pastor Nilson Fanini of Niteroi, Rio de Janeiro State, led the campaign.

Broadmoor Buys MK Ticket

Sunday, December 17, Dr. David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, presented Gloria Marler, a round-trip ticket to Guam. Gloria's parents are missionaries to Guam and the ticket was a Christmas gift from friends of the church. The Marlers lived in a missionary home owned by Broadmoor while on furlough in 1971-72. Gloria remained in the United States to attend Mississippi College, where she is a sophomore.

News Highlights, 1972



President Nixon shakes hands with Chairman Mao Tse-tung at the beginning of an hour-long meeting in the Chinese Communist leader's home in Peking.



U.S. and Soviet leaders chat informally before sitting down at the conference table during the Moscow summit meeting in May. Churchmen generally welcomed Mr. Nixon's visits to China and the Soviet Union. During the latter visit he became the first American President to attend a service at the Moscow Baptist church.



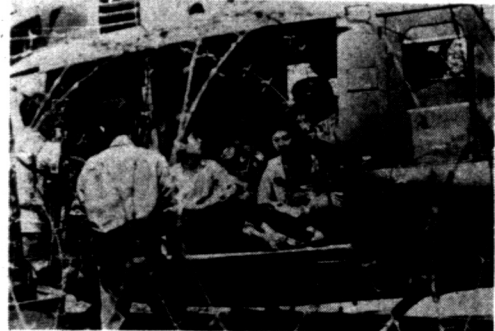
A masked IRA gunman peers around a corner in Londonderry, Northern Ireland. Throughout 1972, Protestants and Catholics battled on despite efforts of many churchmen to work for peace. Britain took over direct control of Ulster during the year.



A child's broken doll lies amid the baggage and blood at Tel Aviv's Lod Airport, in May, following a terrorist attack that left 26 persons dead, including 14 Puerto Rican Christian pilgrims.



Beneath the flame of the Olympic torch, the flags of participating nations are flown at half-staff during a memorial service in Munich's Olympic Stadium honoring the 11 Israeli athletes slain by Arab terrorists in September. Incidents of terror during 1972 heightened concern for Israel's security.



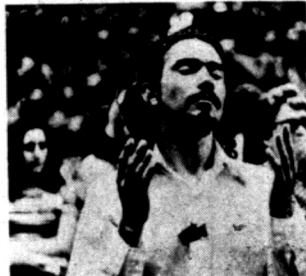
South Vietnamese refugees huddle into a helicopter to be flown to safety as the Spring North Vietnamese offensive threatened their homes. Although the U.S. ground combat role in Vietnam decreased during 1972, the war continued to take a large toll in life and uprooted civilians.



Children are given lunch in an orphanage in Chittagong, Bangladesh. Church groups rushed aid to the new nation of Bangladesh, which had suffered from months of civil strife and the brief Indo-Pakistani war.



A workman notches timbers for the construction of a church-supported reception center in the Sudan's southern region. Church organizations played a role in ending a civil war between the Sudan's ruling Arab Muslims and the Christian and animist Southerners.



A young man deep in prayer symbolizes the growth of the charismatic movement during 1972. Nearly 12,000 people attended the Sixth International Conference on the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church, held at Notre Dame. An unofficial Lutheran charismatic conference drew 6,000 participants to Minneapolis and an ecumenical gathering in Stockholm had 10,000 in attendance.



A graphic moment capturing the mood of Expo 72 in Dallas — the Cross of Christ flanked by the "One Way" sign indicating Christ as Savior. Expo brought together some 85,000 young people in June for a week of evangelism training, rallies and a huge "Jesus music" festival.



In a decision having potentially far-reaching implications, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled in May that Old Order Amish do not have to send their children to public schools. The decision upheld the Wisconsin Supreme Court in finding that compulsory school laws violate the religious freedom of the Amish.



Evangelist Billy Graham preaches during his Alabama Crusade, held in Birmingham in May. During 1972, Mr. Graham also conducted Crusades in Charlotte, Cleveland and Nagaland, a remote section of India that was celebrating the 100th anniversary of Baptist work there. The evangelist also went on a peace mission to Northern Ireland.



Vice President Spiro Agnew (left) and President Nixon accept delegates' cheers at the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach following the nomination for re-election in August. The GOP ticket went on to win a landslide victory in November.



Gov. George Wallace's wife, Cornelia, bends over him after he was shot in a LaGrange, Mo., shopping center in May. The assassination attempt came as the Alabama governor was achieving success in the primaries, running heavily on the housing issue.



Tropical storm Agnes caused heavy damage to areas of the Northeast, such as this section of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Churches rushed aid to the victims of natural disasters in South Dakota, the Philippines and Korea, as well as the North.



Eugene Cernan (right) and Harrison (Jack) Schmitt unfurl the American flag following their landing on the lunar surface. The two men completed extensive explorations during their mission on the Moon, Apollo 17, the last scheduled manned lunar landing. Photo is from CBS television coverage.

—All Photos by RNS

Supreme Court Declines Compulsory Chapel Case

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U. S. Supreme Court has denied a request from the government to hear its complaints against a district court of appeals rule which declared that compulsory chapel at the nation's three military academies is unconstitutional.

The request for review from the Departments of Defense and Justice was turned down by the high court without comment. No justice was on record in favor of hearing the case.

Thus, the opinion of the lower court will now be enforced. That opinion, issued in July of 1972, held that mandatory chapel and church attendance at military academies violates both the establishment and free exercise clauses of the First Amendment.

The three-judge panel at the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia declared in a split decision that "individual freedom may not be sacrificed to military interests to the point that constitutional rights are abolished."

Military regulations requiring attendance at worship services at the Army, Air Force and Naval academies "violate the core value of the establishment clause and completely abolish its protection," the majority held.

In its petition to the Supreme Court, the Justice and Defense Departments maintained that the military should have the right to restrict the religion clauses of the First Amendment "to the extent necessary" to ensure effective military training.

The Pentagon maintained that mandatory chapel and church attendance was primarily for educational purposes and was essential for instilling an "awareness of our moral and religious heritage" in future military leaders.

In the government's petition to the Supreme Court Solicitor General Erwin N. Griswold denied that forced chapel attendance was an unconstitutional "establishment of religion."

"No cadet or midshipman is required to believe what he hears," Griswold said. "No one is subjected to a catechism by governmental authority."

Griswold said, as the Pentagon claimed in lower court hearings, that the military was trying to develop in its future officers "a respect for, and

understanding of, and a sensitivity to religion and the religious feelings of others."

The Justice Department lawyer said further in his unsuccessful petition to the high court that it should be left to military leaders to decide whether religious sensitivity should be taught in a chapel setting in preference to comparative religion courses.

When the case of *Anderson v. Laird* was in the Court of Appeals the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs was one of several groups filing friend-of-the-court briefs against the government's position. If the Supreme Court had agreed to review the decision, the Baptist agency again planned to file a brief agreeing with the court of appeals rule.

In addition to saying that required church attendance is unconstitutional under First Amendment protections, the Baptist Joint Committee protested the right of the military to "use" religion to accomplish a secular purpose.

James E. Wood Jr., Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs said the refusal of the court to review the case was "most gratifying and reassuring." The court's action should be viewed as a significant one in protecting not only the free exercise of religion, Wood continued, but because of "the prohibition of the government's use of religion to serve secular ends."

"Compulsory chapel attendance at institutions supported by public funds is incompatible with the First Amendment," Wood said.

Threat Of Bomb

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son of Franklin received a telephone call from a man speaking with a gruff voice, saying, "There's a bomb in the children's home." Apparently the caller thought Nelson was superintendent of the home, since the superintendent's name also is Bob Nelson.

Nelson reported the calls to the superintendent of the home, and the Franklin police and fire departments.

By the time police and fire department officials arrived to search the campus for the bomb, all the home's 70 children, ages five through 17, had left for public schools.

The Convention President Speaks

As your president, I am now in the process of meeting with various committees and boards. It is my desire to serve Mississippi Baptists well. It is my desire to be a good servant of my Lord; therefore, anytime I meet with any person or group as president of Mississippi Baptists, I feel a heavy and grave responsibility.

You can help me and maybe by your helping me, I can help you. All of us together can make this Convention a powerful instrument of God. This is what I want and I believe it is what we all want.

The first thing you can do in helping is to pray. Each day set aside some time to lift Mississippi Baptists to the throne of grace in prayer. Pray for each board, each administrator, each commission, and each committee. All of us want to do God's will and the best way I know to find that will is through prayer.

Then you can make suggestions. I hope you will feel free to drop me a line or give me a call or even better, come and see me. I will assure you that I shall do my best to give consideration to your suggestions, but you realize I cannot assure you they will be expedited. One reason for this is that often there are conflicting ideas and naturally, two different ideas cannot prevail. At the same time, conflicting ideas can be presented and a third really wholesome idea can come out of those ideas. In addition to that, there is always a strong possibility that you can give an idea or thought or program that would never be presented unless you do. So let us hear from you.—David Grant.

Religion Involved

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—Emphasis on the American Indian and the values of native Indian religion, particularly in connection with ecology.
—New attention to the role of the devil.
—Religious concern for safeguarding environment and making wise use of technology.
—Supreme Court upholds Amish exemption from compulsory education laws in conflict with religious tenets.

Carey Chorale On Annual Tour

The William Carey College Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Donald Winters, Dean of the Carey School of Music, left on its seventeenth annual choir tour on Tuesday, January 2. The fifty-voice choir will present a special religious folk musical entitled *CELEBRATE LIFE*, the music by Buryl Red, the book and lyrics by Ragan Courtney.

The Chorale itinerary is as follows: January 2, Calvary and First, Columbia; January 3, First, Brookhaven; January 4, New Palestine, Picayune; January 5, First, Gulfport; January 6, First Church, Marianna, Florida; January 7, Forest Heights Church, Tallahassee, Florida; January 8, First, Cordele, Ga.; January 9, Citadel Church, Charleston, South Carolina; January 10, First Church, Columbia, South Carolina; January 11, Edwards Road Church, Greenville, South Carolina; January 12, Tabernacle Church, Carrollton, Ga.; January 13, Briarlake Church, Decatur, Ga.; January 14, First Church, Lawrenceville, Ga.; January 15, First Church, Union, Miss.; January 16, Parkway Church, Tupelo; January 17, First Church, Laurel; and January 18, Main Street Church, Hattiesburg.

First, Clinton, Buys Home For Missionaries, Calls It Hannah House

First Church, Clinton, recently bought a house on the corner of Main and Prospect streets in Clinton in the same block as the church, to be used as a home for missionaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kolb, missionaries to Brazil, will occupy the house this year while they are on furlough. Two of their children are students at Mississippi College; a daughter graduated from MC last year and is teaching at Vicksburg; and the youngest daughter is in junior high school. Therefore, the home in Clinton makes it very convenient for the whole Kolb family to be together.

Mr. Kolb grew up at Blue Springs, Mississippi, and is a member of the faculty at the Baptist seminary in

Kate Durham Morgan Asks

Had You Thought About This?

Yesterday is GONE forget it, Tomorrow NEVER comes, Don't WORRY about it, Today is HERE, use it. YESTERDAY IS GONE so FORGET IT, Forget all the hurts, and slights, Forget any failures, Forget the unpleasant and unkind words, Forget all disappointments.

Don't carry these as a bundle with you into the night. They will distress and disturb your rest and unfit you for the morrow.

TOMORROW NEVER really comes. It is always one day away. Tomorrow can not catch - up with the Present anymore than the brown horse on the merry-go-round at the

Fair can catch - up with the black horse. Therefore don't worry about it. Think clearly about the things of the near - future. If they can be worked out do so. If you see no possible solution - lay them aside. They are not worth the energy that is used up in worry. Save that energy for plans and projects that are workable.

TODAY IS HERE, USE IT, Don't spend it in useless remorse, or regret. Don't waste it in idle dreams of what you may do. Get busy with a well organized, well motivated purposeful plan to conserve each hour of TODAY. This brings a great reward. At the close of the DAY you're filled with peace, contentment, and a sense of accomplishment.

New Year's Around The World

New York (NAPS) — While you were singing *Auld Lang Syne* when the clock struck 12 on New Year's Eve, your Japanese counterpart may have been sipping cola from America while singing *Otanjebi Omedeto Gozaimasu* (Happy Birthday To You) —for the stroke of midnight means it's everyone's birthday!

In ancient China, people took a different approach to the First Day. They cleaned house, paid debts and

closed their shops. Then they shot off firecrackers... and who can ever forget a New Year's in Chinatown of any big American city, with its colorful procession of paper dragons breathing good cheer to everyone!

In old Japan, New Year's was a time for everybody to don new clothes, take three days off from work and visit their friends. Each gatepost would be adorned with green pines and bamboo. And over each door would hang red lobsters, crabs and scarlet tangerines, standing for long life and happiness.

Gypsies in Spain used to marry on New Year's Eve. The 18th century writer George Borrow tells us that a main feature of the bridal ceremony was the feasting associated with it. Not to be outdone, Italians consider January 1 as part of their Yuletide festival. In France, adults exchange presents on January 1st.

The ancient Egyptians, Phoenicians and Persians began their year at the autumnal equinox (September 21) and the Greeks until the fifth century B.C. at the winter solstice (December 21). The ancient Romans once celebrated the beginning of the year on December 21st, but Caesar by the adoption of the Julian calendar postponed it to January 1st.

On New Year's Eve the peaceful Swiss shoot off all their cannon at midnight. In Italy, New Year's is welcomed by throwing old china into the fireplace!

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Retrospect And Prospect

As we come to any new year, it always behooves us to do two things. We need to look back to see what has been accomplished (or what we failed to accomplish), and we need to look forward to see what is before us. In the light of what is past we can face the responsibilities, opportunities and challenges of the days ahead.

Looking back at what has happened in Southern Baptist life during the past year we see a number of interesting developments. In next week's issue we shall publish what have been judged as the ten top stories of 1972. Considering them, in the light of the story on developments in the religious world in general one will see that God has blessed Southern Baptists, and that some of the problems which are plaguing some other groups are not seriously affecting us.

Developments

One of the most meaningful developments among Southern Baptists is the new emphasis on lay participation in all of our work. Reorganization and streamlining also occupy our minds, but it is still not clear just how much will be done. The convention rejected the recommendation of a special committee that the work of the Stewardship Commission be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee, and what other changes will be accepted remains to be seen.

The Broadman Commentary has been disturbing the convention for the past several convention sessions, but problems concerning it may have been permanently settled in the Philadelphia meeting. There the messengers rejected a move to recall and rewrite the entire set, and it is probable that this is the final action that will be taken on the commentary itself. This does not mean that everybody approves of it, for they do not. Nor does it mean that Southern Baptists have turned left theologically. It simply means that most messengers felt that since the commentary had been published, and since it does not represent an official theological position of the convention, and since it can be bought or simply left alone, that the best thing to do was to forget it and turn to other things. That is what was done. There may be other developments related to the issues it raised, but we doubt if there will be any further direct action concerning the commentary itself. Except for this issue, the Philadelphia convention was one of unity and advance.

Missions and Seminaries

Missions still is the major concern of most Southern Baptists. The mighty mission programs of both the Foreign and Home Mission Boards are of more concern to the majority of our people, than almost any other phase of the work. Both of the mission boards continue to expand their ministry, and enlarge the number of missionaries under appointment. This is the very reverse of what is happening in some of the other denominations, but, because of Southern Baptist missionary concern, probably will continue.

Theological education also continues to make advance. Most of our six seminaries report record enrollments this year, and the reports from their work is good. At the same time some new independent, conservative seminaries are appearing in our midst. These are Southern Baptist in their personnel, in their programs and in the students they are seeking to reach, but they are not related to or supported by either the state conventions or the Southern Baptist Convention. Evidently these institutions are not going to supplant, but rather supplement the program of theological training among Southern Baptists. In the light of the growth of the denomination, and its increasing need for trained pastors, many Baptists see this as a healthy sign rather than a hurtful one.

Statistical Milestones

Milestones were reached statistically during 1972. The convention, for the first time, passed the 12,000,000 mark in membership, and the billion mark in giving. The number of baptisms also

was a record breaking achievement, and Sunday school enrollment saw a marked increase. Church Training, the WMU, and the Brotherhood, still had small losses in enrollment, but the bottom may have been reached in these, so that an upturn may come in the new year. Church music continues to make gains as more and more churches enlarge their music programs.

Doctrinal problems have disturbed some of the states, especially the issues of baptism and the Lord's supper. While these indicate that there is a tendency on the part of a few to move away from the traditional Baptist view on these matters, it seems evident that the vast majority in the convention still stand faithfully for the historic Baptist position.

Spiritual Emphasis

One trend which continues to surface is the emphasis on Bible teaching and the spiritual life. Several Bible conferences and Christian life conferences were held during the past year, and more have been projected for the coming year. These all indicate interest in bringing real spiritual depth into all Southern Baptist work.

As a whole Southern Baptists appear to be in a very healthy condition, and unlike many of the major denominations, they continue to make gains, rather than experience losses. The new year gives promise of being a very good year for them. Records again should be broken in membership, in baptisms, in finances, in missionary giving, and in spiritual growth. The convention will continue to avoid interdenominational alliances and entanglements, even though they will continue to promote spiritual fellowship with those who believe and proclaim the message of redemption through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Even though the National Council of Churches has restructured its program so that it can invite closer participation in its work by non-member groups, such as Southern Baptists, we do not see Southern Baptists moving even one step closer to this organization. Major emphasis will continue to be on missions, and the convention may, during the year, pass the 2600 mark in the number of foreign missionaries under appointment and the Foreign Mission Board budget should approach \$40,000,000. The Home Mission Board also should see marked gains. Evangelism also will continue to be given major emphasis. The theological seminaries should see continued growth, but the new institutions also will attract many students. The convention will continue to stay the conservative oriented body that it has been in the past, and will remain one of the great Bible believing, Bible centered, gospel preaching groups in all the Christian world. This is what we see for Southern Baptists as they face 1973.

MISSISSIPPI

For Mississippi, as we enter the new year, 1973, we can say much the same things that we recently said in connection with the Mississippi Baptist Convention meeting. The year has been an outstanding one in Mississippi Baptist life, and there is much for which to thank God.

Among the major events of the past year have been the reaching of the largest budget of our history, the setting into motion the plan to raise funds for the rebuilding of Gulfshore Assembly, the groundbreaking for the new \$35,000,000 hospital, the special Sunday School emphasis which was promoted for several months of the year, and the surge of youth participation in church work across the state.

Other encouraging developments include the revival which has swept many churches, the splendid advance that is reported from various agencies and institutions, the financial strength and other growth reported in so many of the churches, and the enlarged relationship with churches in Montana, which is being promoted by the Pioneer Missions Committee. Record special offerings have been given in the Weeks of Prayer, and the Lot-

tie Moon Christmas Offering is expected to pass one million dollars.

Looking Ahead

Looking to the future we see many things that lift our hearts in gratitude to God. The convention has adopted the largest budget of its history for its program of work for 1973. Authorization has been given for appointment of a committee to make plans for the campaign to raise funds for the rebuilding of Gulfshore, the old assembly property which was destroyed by Hurricane Camille in 1969.

The year 1973 will be a year of special evangelistic emphasis in Mississippi. The churches, the convention departments, and all Mississippi Baptists are invited and urged to join in a great concerted effort of unusual Christian witness.

Programs of Promotion

Programs of promotion for the next several years already have been adopted. Church Development will be the theme for 1974; Stewardship and Missions for 1975; and Christian Citizenship for 1976. This long range planning should do much to unify and strengthen the whole convention program for these coming years.

The building of the new Baptist Hospital facility, which now is under construction, and should be completed in about three years, will give to the denomination one of the finest medical ministry institutions in the entire South.

Growth

Every other institution and agency continues to grow. The largest enrollments of history are reported by some of the colleges, and all of them are making great plans for the future. The Children's Village continues to enlarge and strengthen the outreach of its ministry. The next few years should be the best these institutions ever have known.

Church growth and development is seen in many churches all across the states. New buildings have been occupied by some congregations, while others have new plants under construction right now. Still others are still in the planning stage, but have definite plans for enlargement. Most of the churches are prospering financially, and almost all of them are giving more to missions than ever in their history.

Spiritual Concern

These things are not being done without a recognition that our greatest needs still are spiritual. There is a spirit of spiritual concern which is felt across the state, among both pastors and lay people, and among both the youth and the adults. People are praying more for real spiritual revival, and there is a deep interest in Bible study and spiritual growth.

All of this points up to a feeling of encouragement and thanksgiving to God. We sincerely feel that these are good days for Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists, and we are glad that we can enter the new year as a part of them and of their program.

Thank You, McRae's!

In this age of secularism, all too often business concerns, fail to give emphasis to the spiritual. When one does, those of us who live an area of spiritual concern, should take note; and should express appreciation.

It is because of this that we should like to salute McRae's Department Stores, for the outstanding Christmas story display which they set up in their Jackson downtown store at Christmas. The Baptist Record carried a story concerning it in its Nov. 30 issue. This is one of the most attractive depictions of the Bible story that we ever have seen, and we are sure that the planning took much time, and that the cost was great. Thousands of persons saw the display, and we are just sorry that more did not get a chance to view it. We hope that it will be preserved and opened to the public again next year. Thank you, McRae's, for a splendid contribution to the Christmas witness!

GOD HELP ME — I'M A PARENT! by Gordon McLean (Creation House, \$3.95, 109 pp.). Much is published on what to do after a young person gets into trouble, but many people ask what they can do to prevent their youngsters from getting into trouble. The author shows how parents wanting help can follow nine basic elements of character development that will provide the home with security and love.

HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE by Ralph Earle (Baker, paper, \$1.50, 119 pp.). The first five chapters deal with the origin, preservation, transmission, translation, and propagation of Scripture. The last chapter compares different Bible versions. The author is on the faculty of a Nazarene theological seminary.

RIGHT ON! (Tyndale House, paper, 104 pp., \$9.95). A profusely illustrated edition of the text of Daniel, Hosea, Amos, Jonah, Habakkuk, and Malachi from the LIVING BIBLE. The illustrations and layout will appeal to youth.

AWAKENED WORSHIP by Wilfred M. Bailey (Abingdon, 157 pp., paper, \$2.95). An Abingdon original paperback on the subject of involving laymen in creative worship. The author talks about how worship has lost its meaning to many people and offers creative suggestions in remedying the situation.

CHRIST AND YOUR PROBLEMS by Jay E. Adams (Baker, paper, 19 pp., 35 cents). Brief, straight-to-the-point messages based on I Corinthians 10:13, about the problems of the individuals, and that with the trial God has promised a "way of escape."



"Behold, I Make All Things New." Rev. 21:5

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Rays Now At Work

In Thai Mission

Dear Friends:

G. P. O. Box 832, Bangkok, is the address of the Thailand Baptist Mission and all of our mail comes through there. The church parsonage is located conveniently right next to the church building. SOI 2 is the first side street off of Sukhumvit Road which is one of the main streets of Bangkok. SOI 2 runs right into the front door of the sanctuary. A large lighted cross is an easy landmark at night. The church building, the parsonage, and a large office building of the Thailand Baptist Mission are located inside this fenced compound. Three Thai families live and work inside this compound, also. Many lights are left on all night along with other precautions against intruders, but we have felt very secure.

We arrived here two weeks ago after spending two nights in Hong Kong on our way from Japan. The plane on which we traveled from Hong Kong landed at Saigon where we spent about an hour waiting inside the air terminal. I cannot say that it was a happy time for I saw no need for the delay and my wife could imagine all kinds of enemy invasions at just that moment. I think the purpose was to acquaint new missionaries with the hot and humid weather before going on to Bangkok. The temperature and flat land are much like West Texas where I lived as a boy. The palm trees and Thai food are something different. We have adjusted to the weather which I like very much and my wife still fries chicken Southern style. By the way, chickens are raised here in long houses just like in Mississippi. Food seems to be plentiful, but there is much more poverty than I encountered in Japan.

The Calvary Baptist Church is a joy, and we are still having new experiences every day. The church building is quite adequate and the membership is very mission-minded. We help in many ways with other work of the Thailand Baptist Mission. Several Mississippi missionaries are here. Rev. Don Phlegar is in the North Greenwood church several years ago in a school of missions; his wife is from Yazoo City. A large number of missionary children attend the International School in Bangkok and our church. During the school term they live in a hostel operated by the Mission. We are enjoying a good work and happy times and would be pleased to hear from each of you.

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On The MORAL SCENE...

The American diet is so "terrible" that it costs the nation \$30 billion a year in health care costs, Dr. George M. Briggs, a University of California professor, told the Senate Hunger Committee. As one means of upgrading the quality of processed foods, Briggs suggested that "calorie empty" foods (candy, soft drinks, etc.) be taxed like liquor and tobacco. (Wall Street Journal, 12-6-72).

The Washington mortgage banking firm of Walker & Dunlop is offering trading stamps to employees who help curtail air pollution by going to work by means other than private cars. James Herron, vice president of the firm, announced recently that any employee now using a car who instead walks, rides a bicycle, or a bus or rides in a car pool will receive a book of trading stamps each month. A bonus of six additional books will go to employees who switch from private cars to other means of transportation. Of 100 employees, only 39 will be eligible for stamps — and only two have agreed to give up driving to work. One of the two is Herron. He's started to take the bus to work. (The Nashville Tennessean, 12-1-72).



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

The New Year scarcely works out to be new, after all, does it? It really isn't all clean and white like a new sheet of paper. January turns out to be a lot like December was. The car fails to start on as many cold mornings. The boys leave as many wet towels on the floors. Just as many clothes and dishes get dirty. Bills are no smaller, and money is no bigger. Things break and wear out. Pine straw keeps falling.

The wax I put on floors makes them shine. My broom sweeps away dirt. The mail keeps running and the phone keeps working, so we can hear from friends and family. The boys keep showing encouraging signs of maturity. We have enough to eat, never sleep cold, feel more love than hate, have abundant work to do.

It's sort of like some of the philosophy spun around our Christmas tree. It took us a while to get our Christmas tree decorated this year. The tree must have stood for four days without a single ornament because we kept waiting for all members of the family to have the same time off to decorate together. Our college sophomore was studying for exams; our high school senior has a part time job; our high school freshman's Concert Choir was having extra practices and programs; I taught until Friday before Christmas. It began to look as if we'd never get together, so we began decorating piecemeal. As someone had time, he stopped and decorated. I managed to be around for several of the piecemeals. The conversations were interesting as memories were nudged by various items of our Christmas decor.

James and I initiated the decorating, enjoying Christmases-past again. He said, "We've had some lean ones and we've had some fat ones. But I think they have all been good ones."

A couple of nights later the college sophomore, taking a break from his late studies, decided to hang the red and blue ornaments. I stood by while he remembered other Christmases. After a while he said, "We've had some lean ones and we've had some fat ones, but they've all been all right." He sounded like an echo. A good echo.

That really expresses how I feel about the New Year in advance—we've had some lean ones, and we've had some fat ones, but they've all been good ones. In every single year the good things have overshadowed the bad things, and the only way to consider the year was to call it good.

It is at the beginning of the New Year that I enjoy Romans 8:28 the most. For I cannot face 1973 with anything except delighted anticipation when I consider the evidences of the faithfulness of God in 1972.

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THE GOSPELS IN CURRENT STUDY by Simon Kistemaker (Baker, paper, 171 pp., \$2.95). Dr. Kistemaker is associate professor of New Testament at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Miss. In this book he presents a scholarly study of problems related to the four gospels pointing out especially the critical attitudes of many modern scholars. However, he answers the criticisms and shows why the conservative view must be accepted. He also lays the ground work for interpretation of these books. The book is just what it says in that it presents current views of the Gospels, but it is more than that in that it presents in popular form the conservative interpretation of the facts and truths which are available concerning the four gospels.

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for bringing population growth to its lowest level in history (approaching the rate of birth needed to achieve zero population growth). . . warned that family life was dangerously eroding. . . and informed that the coming religious revival will be accompanied by a loud blast of rock music and attended by "a throng of Jesus freaks, teeny-boppers, old-line fundamentalists, Jews for Jesus and establishment clergymen."

A clergy columnist declared that in 1972 the work ethic, fostered by past generations, was replaced by consuming interest in pension benefits, increased wages, longer coffee breaks, shorter hours, earlier retirement and the elimination of routine tasks. The director of a Christian coffee house discovered that older people can love unlovely people better than youthful volunteers. A professor discovered that 22 per cent of his university students believed in witches and the occult. Rescue missions were filling up with younger delinquents left over from the drug scourge. A U.S. District Judge warned that America's loose approach to marriage is seriously endangering U.S. society at a time when atheistic Russia is putting great stress on family permanence.

U. S. Society
Newspaper headlines eloquently charted the trend of U. S. society in 1972. A sampling: Court Rules Nude Poses OK; Cigarette Smoking on Rise Despite Ban on TV Ads; Crowds Protest Plight of Soviet Jews; Unitarian Minister Offers One-Year Trial Marriage; Surgeon General Calls for Immediate Curbs on TV Violence; Birth-rate for Mothers 15 and Younger Up Sharply; Life Span Shortens for U.S. Men; Church Women Post "Feminist Theses"; Y Seen Shifting to Social to Survive; Homosexual Ordained in United Church of Christ; Religious Leaders Urge Reduction of Marijuana Penalty; and Supreme Court Abolishes Capital Punishment.

The dreadful crudities of "Jesus Christ Superstar" died away in 1972 as the musical "The Carpenter" of evangelical author Harold Myra made its debut. The spectacle of Exile '72 in Dallas, a week-long training seminar sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ which drew 80,000 people, was seen as "a message to America that moderate fundamentalism is a major force." Its purpose was to train delegates in the technique of sharing their faith through the Four Spiritual Laws. The mid-year effort (largest of its kind in history) did only saturate the Dallas-Ft. Worth area but led to continuing revival in hometown churches of delegates.

Denominations
While AP Religion Writer George W. Cornell was pointing out that church scholars are agreeing more but are preserving institutional barriers, church groups continued to unite formally and informally in co-operative ministries. The Anglican Church of Canada, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Canada set the stage for union by combining to form The Church of Canada. Baptist congregations in three counties of western New York merged with sister churches into an administrative unit of 56 churches affiliated with the American Baptist Convention. Two major Protestant denominations in Puerto Rico — the United Methodist Church and the United Evangelical Church — resolved in 1972 to merge and form a new Christian communion with 20,000 members.

Representatives from five Presbyterian and Reformed denominations met in Atlanta to plan a Southeastern, regional "Celebration of Evangelism" the following year. Another church body met in Georgia — this a Presbyterian splinter group from the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern) — to form the Vanguard Presbyterian. Six Presbyterian congregations comprised the new denomination.

Church Union
Pulling out of union talks with the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) were first the United Church of Christ, followed by the United Presbyterians. The latter's move dealt a crippling but not a fatal blow to the former nine-denominational merger plan.

Hopes that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod would join with the American Lutheran Church were dashed by President Jacob A. O. Preus of the Missouri group. Instead of expanding denominational fellowship into "new and hitherto untapped expressions of Lutheran unity," the Missouri group was content with "former fellowship opportunities." ALC's move to ordain women put a severe strain on its associations with the other large Lutheran body. The Missouri Synod spent most of the year battling a doctrinal controversy which ousted the president of Concordia Seminary and sharply polarized the denomination of 2.8 million Lutherans.

World Lutheran membership in 1972 increased slightly over the previous year to 73.5 million, while North American Lutheran churches reported a membership loss of 68,194. The Disciples of Christ also reported a drop of nearly 40,000 members between 1970 and 1971.

Church groups in general were criticized for letting government and industry upstage them in time of need while denominations struggled through the entanglements of judiciaries. An official of the Columbia Broadcasting System chided churches on their lack of proper use of mass media. "Too often," said the CBS vice president, mass media efforts to denominations are flawed by a "vocabulary of religiosity that is frightening in its size and meaninglessness."

Changes
Presbyterians (Southern) polished off a new Confession of Faith in preparation for voting at the 1975 General Assembly. If adopted, the Confession will become the first official standard of faith for the denomination in three centuries; The Church of the Brethren dropped all holdings in corporations directly involved in defense or weapons-related industries; the Reformed Church in America voted to accept women as elders and deacons; the Southern Baptists received for membership the application of Union Baptist Church — one of the largest black Baptist congregations in Atlanta. The pastor said "there are whites in our area who might be reached if we were a Southern Baptist church"; churches for homosexuals sprang up in 1972, and two men were openly married in Washington, D. C., in the first formally publicized marriage of such historic dimensions; a Seattle Lutheran church decided to remove the national flag from its sanctuary to show visitors that their love and loyalty to God is greater, delegates to the 18th General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene swelled to 30,000 in Miami Beach where they pledged to double their half-million ranks by the next quadrennial; Wesleyans continued merger talks with Free Methodists and established in 1972 the Wesleyan World Fellowship; the Evangelical Free Church in its 88th conference announced new mission fields as its missionary task force neared the 200 mark; a 53-page report on the nature and extent of Biblical authority, distributed by the Christian Reformed Synod in Grand Rapids to 148 synod delegates were described as being "more conservative than expected"; the Free Will Baptists, taking a traditional stand for local autonomy and separation from other church bodies, withdrew from membership in the National Association of Evangelicals. Individual membership was permitted; however, no more.

Evangelist Tom Skinner reminded U.S. denominations that they have been "strangely silent" on many racial questions and even looked for Biblical reasons to condone both slavery and segregation. He charged that the church has served "the economic and political structure" in the United States and asked young Christians to become "a fifth column and spiritual subversives" to form a new community in which Christ is Lord.

Missions
Perhaps for the second time since the earth took her shining station as a star, the rate of growth for global Christianity, as charted by Professor C. Peter Wagner of Fuller Seminary's School of World Mission, actually exceeded the rate of world population growth! However, 1972 saw mission personnel in major U.S. Protestant denominations decreasing. The figure is a reduction of 10 per cent or 1,000 persons during the past three years.

An opening China offered the prospect of new missionary endeavor, but Anglican Bishop Chandu Ray in Singapore warned that the tragic barriers of foreignness and cultural aggression could be raised again. Missions were advancing so rapidly in Asia as to shame the western brand of Christianity, Editor Russell T. Hitt of Eternity stated.

1972 missionary advance briefs: Portions of the Gospel have been dispatched to Red China; a committee of the Greater Europe Mission is planning the opening of a Bible institute and theological seminary in Spain; Partnership Mission introduced a massive program to provide a copy of the Living New Testament phone subscribers; Bible translation work was expanded in Bulgaria and Yugoslavia; Evangelist Merv Rosell's Bible study tapes served national believers in South Vietnam; vast opportunities for missionary work opened in Bangladesh following the new nation's blood bath when Food for the Hungry, MAP, and many missionaries served the needy; the national church of Cambodia showed remarkable growth and missionaries began returning to work under its leadership; an evangelical newspaper was launched in Morocco; and missionaries in Zaire, formerly the Congo, asked for prayer to prevent a curtailment of evangelical work there.

Methodists pointed to a new style of missionary in 1972 — the commissioning of a couple planning to start a farm from scratch in Bolivia's tropical lowlands, and of a couple who will work for the government of Algeria.

Nationalism
A British statesman reminded that the developing nations of today's world, unlike previous times, are not willing to be shaped in the cast-off molds of the western world. A new

"theology of liberation" was observed in Latin America where nationals stressed that the gospel must be seen in its historic setting, for "otherwise, Christianity would be condemned to irrelevance."

National pride and strategy led to Ceylon's changing its name to Sri Lanka. . . to the imprisonment of four young men with Operation Mobilization in Libya. . . to the ouster of Asians from Uganda. . . and to the forming of the Community of Latin American Evangelical Ministries in Costa Rica, a union of Latin American institutions.

As 1972 drew to a close, more than half the globe was off limits to "foreign missionaries." Missionary effort was not dying, only changing radically. "It's time," Evangelist John Hagal said, "to take Jesus from Jerusalem point of action rather than routing Him through the United States."

Publishing
Twenty-six more languages and dialects were added to the list of peoples having at least one book of the Bible, making a total of 1,457 languages now in possession of the Scriptures. A poll of large publishers, denominational houses and independent firms showed that Americans in 1972 bought books stressing personal religious faith amid everyday problems. Evangelical books logged the lion's share of sales.

Proposed postal increases for non-profit second class rates by 35.1 per cent alarmed the Christian press. joined the Associated Church Press and the Catholic Press to fight legislation termed "confiscatory." If it passes, many small church journals may die.

Now 1972 publishing ventures included a rash of "Jesus paper" tabloids for the street; The Radical Bible appeared; The New Chinese Bible was published in Tokyo by the Evangelical Alliance Mission's presses; and the United Church Herald of Philadelphia combined to form A.D., a magazine to cover denominational affairs for both groups while providing contemporary editorial fare.

Youth in Action, a Free Methodist publication, was named "Periodical of the Year" at the 24th annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association in Kansas City. Decision, published by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, reached a circulation of 4.5 million.

The Living Bible, paraphrased edition of the Scriptures by Kenneth A. Taylor, and Hal Lindsey's The Late Great Planet Earth, stood at the top of the bestsellers' list all year.

Despite President's Nixon's goodwill visit to Russia, Soviet authorities began a severe crackdown on American tour groups, confiscating personal copies of Bibles in a stepped-up effort to keep out copies of God's Word.

"The wide publicity given to smuggling has brought politics into the picture and hurt missions," Andy Semenchuk of the Slavic Gospel Association reported. In an autumn trip with Ken Taylor and other dignitaries, the Russian-speaking missionary was not allowed to enter after officials found two copies of Russian Bibles on his person. "The Soviets think that religion and capitalism are working hand in hand to break down their system and are quite opposed to Bibles," Semenchuk said.

Education
Public funds for non-public schools, busing and prayer in public schools were triple issues in education. Throughout the election year, President Nixon promised "specific measures designed to preserve the non-public school system." Citizens sought federal tax credit legislation for parents of children in private and parochial schools, while their neighbors fought just as hard to keep church and state apart in education.

The Supreme Court dashed hopes for federal money in private schools by ruling that states have no obligation to provide financial aid to parents of children in parochial schools. Christians — many of them young members of the Jesus Movement — met openly on sidewalks, lawns, and in other rooms of public school buildings to pray and worship. Courses on "The Bible as Literary Art" were popular. Busing, as an attempt at helping minorities, was resisted and only token efforts materialized.

Three threats also faced Christian colleges: the trend toward cutting them off from their roots. . . the financial lag troubling virtually all institutions of higher learning. . . and the question of public aid to private education. President David McKenna of Seattle Pacific College warned that if deficit spending continues, "the private colleges and universities will be gone by 1980."

Amish people in 19 states won the right to exercise religious beliefs in withdrawing their children from school at the completion of the eighth grade.

Evangelist Rex Humbard purchased Mackinac College in the upper peninsula of Michigan, a group of black clergymen announced the opening in June of Northwest Bible College for blacks in Seattle, plans for the Christian College and Communications Center for Southern Africa in Salisbury,

Rhodesia, were drawn, and the Latin American Biblical Seminary in Costa Rica opened an experimental school in New York City to train Spanish-speaking Protestants for the ministry. Late in the year Christian educators sought to persuade school systems to give equal billing with Charles Darwin's theory of evolution to the Biblical view of life's beginning.

A first-ever Children's Book Award was introduced by the National Association of Christian Schools "to stimulate production of all types of children's literature that incorporate Christian values and to reward those who do so with a measure of literary subtlety and grace."

Evangelism
Early in January revival fires lit the spiritual horizon, beginning in Saskatoon and other cities of Canada where Christian and Missionary Alliance evangelists Ralph and Louis Suter ministered. The afterglow ignited similar revival throughout the U.S., joining with the charismatic renewal and the Jesus Movement to alter the state of religion throughout North America.

Some 1,000 leaders in the rapidly-growing five-year-old Catholic Charismatic renewal movement gathered at Washington Township, N. J., for fellowship and Bible study and to manifest true Christian brotherhood.

The Jews for Jesus phenomenon appeared, led by joyful and devoted believers who were instantly persecuted; a team of 2,000 was marshalled from all nations to preach to the Olympic Athletes in Munich; Child Evangelism Fellowship moved ahead with TV evangelism; the Brooklyn Sunday School Union parade marched for the 143rd year; and Chicago's "Old Lighthouse" rescue mission entered its 96th year.

An early leader in the Jesus Movement, Duane Pederson, said the Movement became in 1972 somewhat academically structured. "The element of 'Drop out and hate your parents' is totally disappearing," Pederson declared. Detroit Free Press religion writer Hiley Ward stated that the Jesus People were here to stay, but Dr. J. Edwin Orr, a historian of religious revivals, said at Miami Christian University that today's Jesus Movement still has a way to go before it can be considered a genuine religious awakening. Nevertheless, "Jesus People" could be seen working in the Philippines, Sweden, Spain,

Vietnam, and on the campuses of universities from Berkeley to Boston.

Bob Jones III branded the movement unbiblical; Malcolm Boyd called it "cheap publicity," and "mere fadism." Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury welcomed the Jesus People, but warned them against mistakes that were sure to occur. Vice President Spiro Agnew praised them as "young idealists." Arthur Blessitt dragged his cross through Europe and the British Isles, and finally to Spain where he was ordered out by police.

The Children of God succeeded in angering civic authorities, police, parents, and occasionally a disgruntled member himself. Parents organized to sever their offspring from the rigid legalism and far-out practices that held the group together. The group often found themselves unwelcomed and had to move on.

Graham
Evangelist Billy Graham held crusades in Charlotte and Cleveland, as well as in Nagaland in a historic first for the North Indian state. He served as honorary chairman and speaker at Exile '72, met secretly with leaders of Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic, appeared on TV shows, preached at Attica Prison, and broke a self-imposed precedent by endorsing a Presidential candidate — phoned him from China; the Franciscans awarded him its 1972 Franciscan International Award for "true ecumenism"; the National Association of Broadcasters gave him their distinguished service award; and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., gave the evangelist a ceremonial sword in recognition of outstanding service to the nation. He predicted the end of the war and four years of more emphasis on moral and spiritual affairs by the President.

Church and State
Throughout 1972, government took a hand in the affairs of religion. The U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that compulsory chapel attendance at the three military academies is unconstitutional. The death penalty was restored in California voting. President Nixon asked Americans to make Bible teaching their touchstones as he named Nov. 19-25 "National Family Week." Presidential Candidate George McGovern emphasized the spiritual values that shaped his politics during his campaign.

The Pennsylvania Senate outlawed all abortions, unless a woman might

die from continued pregnancy, in the nation's toughest anti-abortion law. Governor Ronald Reagan cited the Bible to support his views in favor of capital punishment, while five Episcopal bishops declared in a letter that the penalty of death can only exist in opposition to the gracious will of God.

The national landslide election which returned President Nixon to the White House was viewed as "further entrenching" evangelical Christianity as a religious establishment.

The prayers of a nation ascended for Alabama Gov. George Wallace as he struggled to recover from an assassin's attack.

Deaths
The passing of Christian and missionary leaders in 1972 included: J. Edgar Hoover, for 49 years director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Watchman Nee, in Anhwei Province of China; Mel Larson, editor of the Evangelical Beacon; Calvin P. Bultuis, editor-in-chief of the William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.; and Mahalia Jackson. Five died in the crash of a Wycliffe Plane. Mary ("China Mary") Leaman, the last member of a family from Paradise, Pa., which gave nearly 200 collective years of service to China, died at 92. Missionary Nurse Mavis Pate was shot to death on the Gaza Strip; Ervin Dale Hochstatter, an Assemblies of God home missionary in Alaska, was also shot and killed. Evelyn Anderson and Beatrice Kosin was killed and burned by Communist North Vietnamese. The Rev. Ronald Lee Combs drowned trying to rescue his son in the Amazon River.

1972 has cast its shadow into history and disappeared. Never have the people of God enjoyed so broad an opportunity to speak the message of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. Will they catch the tide? Or will they lose it through bickering, apathy, worldliness, a lack of strategy, or excessive legalism?

The fleeting years will tell.

BELEM, Brazil — Missionaries of the Equatorial Brazil Mission have set a goal of nearly doubling the number of churches in their area by 1980. They hope to have 134 new churches added to the present 155 in the six states comprising the Equatorial Mission.

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Names In The News

Rev. G. Ray Ming has moved to the pastorate of First Church, Cantonment, Florida. He leaves New Zion Church (Walthall) where he has been pastor for four and one-half years. He served Walthall Association as Chairman of Evangelism for three years. During his pastorate at New Zion plans were begun for a new church plant, and more than half of the necessary funds for the building have been raised, and construction is underway. Ming is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Ming of Starkville. He is married to the former Margaret Rogers of Louisville and they have four children.

Joe Blackmon, pictured, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Blackmon of Mendenhall recently surrendered his life to full-time Christian service. A graduate of Pinola High School, he is a freshman at Clarke College. His special field is youth work. He is a member of the Mt. Zion Church, Mt. Olive, Rev. Don Nerren, pastor.

Dr. Yohanan Aharoni, one of the outstanding Biblical archaeologists of the day and author of six books related to his studies, was recently a guest at New Orleans Seminary. Delivering a special night lecture and addressing two regularly scheduled classes under the professorship of Dr. George Kelm, associate professor of Biblical Introduction and Archaeology at NOBS, the Israeli professor concentrated on information regarding his recent excavations in the Negev region of Israel. At the University of Tel Aviv, Dr. Aharoni is head of the Department of Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies and the Institute of Archaeology.

Rev. James William Boyd, student at New Orleans Seminary, has been called as pastor of Plank Road Church, Slaughter, La. He is a graduate of Perkinson, Miss. Junior College and Mobile College. Mr. Boyd previously pastored Blackwater Church, Milton, Fla., and was minister of music at Calvary Church, Pensacola. He and his wife, Ellen, have two sons, Donald, 7, and Darin, 3; and a nine-month-old daughter, CHRISTY. Other capable students at NOBS are currently available for pastorates and may be contacted through the office of Church Work Consultant, Robert May.

Rev. Charles A. Tope, missionaries to Uganda, may currently be addressed at P. O. Box 47834, Nairobi, Kenya.

Rev. and Mrs. G. Clayton Bond, missionaries on furlough from Togo, may now be addressed at 27 Country Club Circle, De Ridder, La. 70634. When they were appointed in 1958, he was pastor of South Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia, Miss.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul B. Johnson, missionaries to the Philippines, are the parents of a third child, James Allen, born Nov. 10. The Johnsons may be addressed at P. O. Box 99, Davao City, Philippines 0-404. He is a native of Bassfield, Miss.

Dr. Drew J. Gunnells, Jr. began his ministry December 17 as pastor of Spring Hill Church, Mobile, Ala. He goes to Mobile from the pastorate of Eastern Hills Church in Montgomery. Dr. Gunnells formerly served five years as pastor in Summit, Ms. He now serves on the Foreign Mission Board and is its immediate past president. Native of Louisiana, he is a graduate of University of Southern Mississippi and Southwestern Seminary.

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Schollar, missionaries, were scheduled to depart about Dec. 1 for their new assignment in South West Africa (address: Windhoek Baptist Church, Box 1204, Windhoek, South West Africa). Schollar is a native of Winston County, Miss.

Former Louisiana Governor Jimmie Davis will tell "Country Crossroads" fans how he has successfully mixed music and politics in a career that includes numerous song hits and two four-year terms as his state's top office holder. The first in a series of interviews with Governor Davis will be heard on the show, beginning January 14.



These Blue Mountain College seniors point out their favorite travel and world study globe locations as they have just been notified by Dr. E. Harold Fisher, that they have been chosen for listing in the 1972-73 volume of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. They are clockwise: Mary Ann Chamberlain of Grenada, Judy Brown Caples of Sardinia and Vardman, Teresa Collins Rome of Blue Mountain and Corinth, Susan Sewell of Pontotoc, and Mary Carmen McCulley of Tupelo.



William Carey College religion and philosophy professor, Dr. Don Stewart, right, chats with Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor of Hattiesburg's First Baptist Church. The two discuss the senior adult Sunday School lessons for last quarter written by Dr. Stewart for the Life and Work curriculum of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. L. R. Riley, father of Mrs. Joe T. Odle, will observe his 95th birthday on Saturday, January 6. He resides with the Odles at 1322 Robert Drive in Jackson. Mrs. Riley is in a nursing home. Bro. Riley, who has been an ordained minister for more than sixty years, is still in excellent health. He is a member of First Baptist Church, Jackson, and attends services every Sunday morning. He goes to the nursing home each afternoon to spend time with his wife. He walks every day, and spends much of his time in reading, and in writing on his old Oliver typewriter, which has been in faithful service for many years. Before coming to live in Jackson in 1971, he and Mrs. Riley lived in Mayfield, Ky. He pastored for nearly fifty years, serving churches in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Rev. Arnold Bridges is the new assistant pastor of Handsboro, Gulfport. Native of Maine, he is the first full-time associate in the ministries of the church. Jimmy McCaleb served as part-time minister of music before his transfer to Colorado by the Air Force last March. W. T. Gill was interim minister of music and Paul Ramm interim youth director until the coming of Mr. Bridges, who assumed his responsibilities with the music and youth programs of the church December 1. He served in a similar capacity for more than three years at the Spring Hill Avenue Church, Mobile. An ordained minister, he attended Bob Jones University and earned the M. R. E. and B. D. degrees at New Orleans Seminary. He has been pastor of churches in Alabama, Louisiana, and Indiana. His wife Mary Rose is an accomplished musician. They have three children, Arnold, Jr., Rex, and Vicky. Dr. Wesley G. Ellis is pastor of Handsboro Church.

Steve Starkie was recently ordained to the ministry by First Church, McLaurin. "Steve is active in youth evangelism and has been conducting many successful youth revivals. He is available for youth revivals or other programs, either as an individual, or as part of a team. He can be reached at William Carey College, where he is a senior, or through McLaurin First Baptist Church," states Rev. George Bosarge, pastor at McLaurin.

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The humanities committee at William Carey College has developed a new major which was recently approved by the Carey faculty. The new major will simply be called a "humanities major" and the persons meeting its requirements will earn B. A. degrees.

When the humanities committee was appointed in late August, its purpose initially was to develop a new program to meet the general educational needs of potential ministers, lawyers, doctors, and business executives prior to their specialized training. It will be, in brief, a preprofessional major that will make the student articulate and knowledgeable. Once a student has finished it, he will be better prepared to learn the complexities of a specialty.

If a student has not decided on a career, the humanities major can further prepare him in general education. Students interested in learning how to live instead of how to make a living will be attracted to this major. It is appropriate for those who have the philosophy that we need intellectuals (specialists and technologists) but we also need men and women who have developed their capacity to understand human nature and to make decisions that are just and good.

Specifically, when the student becomes a humanities major, he involves himself in an interdepartmental curriculum that includes the disciplines of art, history, literature, modern foreign languages, music, philosophy, religion, speech, and theatre.

Instead of taking 62 hours in the regular core curriculum, he takes 47. After completing these, he can concentrate in three fields and perhaps become qualified to teach in one (or all) of them. For instance, he might elect to concentrate in English, history, and music. And still he may have as many as 40 hours of electives.

A special feature of the program is that a humanities major does not have to take a foreign language, provided he has a reading knowledge of a modern foreign language and can

Southwest Trustees Re-Elect Ralph Smith As Chairman

FORT WORTH (BP) — The board of trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here re-elected officers, heard reports on building expansion plans and increased enrollments, added two new courses to the curriculum and granted tenure to one professor.

The 36-member board re-elected Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin, Tex., as chairman. Re-elected as vice chairman was Dr. Louis Gibson, a medical doctor from Corsicana, Tex.; and as secretary, Wayne Evans, the seminary's business manager.

pass a test administered by the foreign language department. The same applies to freshman English: if a student is proficient in writing and research, he may be exempted by the English department after he has proved himself through a composition test and an objective examination administered by the English department at Carey.

An optional feature of the humanities program is a summer of foreign travel, supervised by a member of the humanities faculty and planned for those students majoring in the humanities. The tour would be preceded by a campus course structured to prepare the group for the program abroad.



Chunky Church Burns Note

On November 5, Chunky Church burned a \$40,000 note on the building. This note was paid off in six years. Participants in the noteburning ceremony were Mrs. Gail Boothe, wife of the late Rev. Paul Boothe, who was pastor when the Building Fund was started; Rev. Carlton Jones, who was pastor at the completion of the building; and Rev. Curtis L. Guess, present pastor. The building fund has been continued in the church budget for additional space to be added.

New Pastor At Pleasant Hill

Rev. Ralph Smith is the new pastor at Pleasant Hill Church near Quitman. Before going to Quitman, Mr. Smith was pastor of Calvary Church, Linden, Ala. He is originally from Blount County, Ala. Mr. Smith is married to the former Jeanette Millwood. The Smiths have three children, Carol 8, Gail 6, and Gary 3.

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ATLANTA (BP) — Good News for Modern Man translator Robert Bratcher, a Southern Baptist Bible scholar, and illustrator Annie Val-lotton of Paris, received a dual award of the annual Upper Room citation in a presentation here.

The Upper Room, a United Methodist daily devotional guide with a circulation of more than 3 million in 39 languages and 47 editions, also paid tribute to the American Bible Society which published Good News for Modern Man, the Today's English Version of the New Testament.

Bratcher, a former Southern Baptist foreign missionary, and Miss Vallotton, a member of the Reform Church, were cited for their contributions to world-wide Christian fellowship through their particular work with Good News for Modern Man.

Since it came off the press Sept. 15, 1966, the American Bible Society has distributed more than 35 million copies of Good News for Modern Man throughout the world, according to Ed Cunningham, director of the new Atlanta regional office of the American Bible Society and, also a Southern Baptist. It has been an all-time best seller.

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By Clifton J. Allen
Jeremiah 31: 32-36-41

Jeremiah, more clearly than the other great Hebrew prophets, grasped the truth about the nature of personal religion. The revelation came to Jeremiah just before or soon after the fall of Judah and the destruction of Jerusalem. The prophet declared God's everlasting love for his wayward people. There are especially tender notes in Jeremiah's proclamation. God had bound himself to his people in a covenant relationship. They had broken that covenant. But he would establish a new covenant, a covenant of the heart, which would cause his people to fear the Lord and to fulfill his purpose for them. In this we have the prophet's message of hope.

The Lesson Explained DIVINE ACTION AND GRACE (31:31-32)

The new covenant, proclaimed by Jeremiah, is dependent on the initiative of God. Nothing of what God revealed to Jeremiah could be accounted for by the righteousness or resources of God's people. They were wholly dependent on what he would do on the basis of his unchanging love, his sovereign purpose, his infinite wisdom, and his forgiving mercy. God promised that he would make new covenant which would be the expression of his grace. His people had broken their covenant obligation and proved to be rebellious and faithless. God had been long suffering and merciful, sending prophets to declare his goodness and his judgment, also revealing himself in mighty power and numberless blessings. But the covenant of law was external and judgmental. God declared through Jeremiah that he would establish a

new covenant. The law would become inward, written upon the hearts of the people. It would be the result of divine action and divine grace; it would be the expression of divine power and forgiving love. It would be not demand but gift.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND POWER (31:33-34)

These verses emphasize another aspect of the new covenant. While the new covenant would be with the whole people of God, it would be primarily applicable to the individual. It would be a covenant sealed in the heart. It would be a matter of inner experience, an intensely personal relationship between God and the individual. In other words, it called for a direct encounter between God and each single person. Each person can know the Lord for himself. No longer will one be dependent upon his neighbor to teach him what is right, but each one will be directly accountable to the

Lord for obedience and for trust. And the climax is, "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." The life of the inner-person is cleansed and renewed. One is made new at the center of his being through the presence of God, and the inner presence of God creates both desire and strength to do the will of God.

FUTURE HOPE

AND FULFILLMENT (32:36-41)

This word of the Lord came to Jeremiah during the actual siege of Jerusalem. The plight of the remaining inhabitants of the city was one of almost total misery; their situation was hopeless. But all was not hopeless—that is, for always. Jeremiah could declare a message of hope through the sure word of the Lord that necessary judgment upon Judah would not mark the end of God's people. There would be a restoration of a remnant of his people to Jerusalem. He would acknowledge them as his people; they would acknowledge him as their God. And God would make an everlasting covenant with them so that they would be united in purpose and loyalty to fear the Lord and serve him with faithfulness. But again, all this would spring from divine action and grace; it would be the blessedness of renewal and forgiveness, of God's presence and power.

Truths to Live By
We have a better covenant. — The

promise of the new covenant had its perfect fulfillment in the saving work of Jesus Christ. The old covenant was one of law. The Christian covenant is one of grace. But the full truth of the new covenant is gathered up in the person and salvation of Christ. The entrance of Christ into one's life means that the law of God is written on the heart, is stamped on the conscience, becomes a part of the new life, and is nothing less than the presence of the Spirit of Christ within the Christian.

The covenant of grace is morally binding — All the wonder of our salvation does not guarantee, automatically, a life of goodness. We are under obligation to think and to do what

is written by the law of Christ in our hearts. The motivation and power without our hearts, due to the presence of Christ, is a compulsion of moral obligation. It is a compulsion resulting from gratitude to God for the riches of grace.

God loves us with an everlasting love. — God is love. Thus he loves us always, whatever our attitude toward him, whether we are unlovely and mean and corrupt, whether we are disobedient and rebellious and ungrateful, whether we are proud or bitter or irreverent. We may have broken our vows of loyalty over and over, but God's love is steadfast. We may have fallen into the greatest disgrace, but God's love seeks to draw us back. We can never be worthy of God's everlasting love. We can respond with penitence for turning away from him and with gratitude for all his wondrous mercies toward us.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

The World In The Church

By Bill Duncan
I Corinthians 1:1-17

This is a new series of lessons based on the theme, "Living in a Secular Society." During the next few weeks, we shall study the book of I Corinthians to help us understand how the church can be victorious in a secular society. The book of I Corinthians is one of the personal letters that Paul wrote to his friends in the city of Corinth, located today in present-day Greece. His letters contain materials relating to questions we still are asking about God, the world, and ourselves. A look at old Corinth will help us to understand that today's giant cities are still the same as they always have been.

What kind of city was Corinth? The original ancient Corinth was leveled by the Romans in 146 B. C. In about 46 B. C. Julius Caesar rebuilt the city as a military stronghold and created a city that grew to be in the time of Paul about 600,000 citizens, about the size of Dallas, Texas, in 1960. Corinth was the crossroads of the sea traffic between Asia and Europe. Many ships came into its harbor and reloaded its cargo and other boats for the area of the European continent. The city became a strategic location for a young church because the Gospel could be preached to thousands of persons each year.

Paul visited Corinth on his second missionary journey. He found in Corinth, at the Jewish Synagogue, a Jew by the name of Aquila, a tentmaker like himself, and his wife, Priscilla. They became his first converts as well as hosts for his home in Corinth. Paul moved his preaching from the synagogue to the home of a Roman named Titius Justus next door to the synagogue. The church at Corinth grew and became one of the largest churches. The Corinthian letters were written from Ephesus somewhere between A. D. 53 and 57, indicating the problems growing in this new Christian church.

Paul's two letters to his friends in Corinth offer an excellent opportunity to examine God's word concerning ethical problems in our world and in our church. The problems discussed in the letter are the same as our own. The city of Corinth was metropolitan in character, filled with extremes in culture, education, poverty, sin, sexual immorality, and a host of world religions.

Paul considered five basic problems: division among the people within the church, several aspects of morality, a secular culture which left little time or room for Christianity, varied ideas about worship, and questions regarding life after death. These problems provide insight into the church life and Christian activity in a secular culture where trade and metropolitan society meet.

THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CORINTH

Paul addressed his letter to the "Church of God in Corinth." With all of its faults, its frailties, and factions, it was still God's church. It did not belong to the people of the congregation or to leaders of the church. The church belonged to God. He sustained it. He continues it, and He will be one who will remain to give it its purpose and plans. Leaders will pass

away but through the ages God's church remains. Therefore, we ask ourselves today, "How can God's plans and purposes for his church best be served through us?"

Paul described the church as "those sanctified in Christ Jesus." Sanctified does not necessarily mean holy, or pious. Here it means "set apart or separated" to God's kingdom purposes, and to a Christian way of life. Thus, these set-apart ones are called saints, not called to be or to become saints—they were saints. Sanctification is not something to be achieved, but to be acknowledged. Only thus could many of the Corinthians be addressed as saints.

The church has a difficult role to play in that it must minister to the world but not let the world begin to dictate how it should live or minister. A new book is out called "How To Be A Christian In An Unchristian World." The church is a separate group of people, who are different from the world in a special way because we belong to God, and are set apart for his service. To Paul, this is what makes a Christian different and this difference is marked in the life of the entire body of Christians, because of the nature of service and acknowledgement of the Lordship of Christ.

The church at Corinth was a very gifted church and there were many things for which they should be thankful: (1) There is the promise which came true. When Paul preached Christianity to the Corinthians he told them Christ would and could do certain things for them and now he proudly claimed all that he pledged himself that Christ could do has come true. (2) There is a gift which was given to them. All the personal gifts that a person has as a Christian come from God. Therefore, Paul wanted the people to acknowledge that God had given them many gifts and that the glory of the gifts belong to God himself. There is no source of profit for oneself but we are to be instruments of service for God. (3) There is to be an ultimate end which Paul refers to as the day of the Lord. There will be a day when Jesus Christ shall come back in all of his power and glory. At that time, the man who is in Christ shall meet it unafraid because he will be clothed not in his merits but in the merits of Christ.

In the church at Corinth, there was strong evidence of division among the people. They were brothers and they should live in a spirit of brotherly love. The disunion is unnatural to the church and must be buried for the sake of the health and the efficiency of the body of the church.

Paul identified four divisions in the

church at Corinth. The church had not split and become more than one church but there were divisions in the body. The partisan very sadly misrepresents the Christian faith. Apparently, the divisions were exalting preachers rather than their Lord, thus forming factions and naming their groups after their favorite preacher. Paul had been the founder of the church. Apollos was an elegant, gifted preacher. The Jewish Christians favored Peter, the leader of the twelve. Then there were those who would have no part in any of these three groups but they proudly declared, we are of Christ. This spirit created confusion, and differences. Paul summoned them to get together and to reconcile their differences and to become united in thought, attitude and utterance, presenting a united faith to the world.

THE WORLD

The church must be in the world to carry out its ministry, and proclaim its message. But, what is wrong with the world being in the church? The world is ruled by Satan. He is called the Prince of this world. The people whose lives are dominated by the influence of Satan are called worldly people. As a result, the people whose lives are characteristic of the life of Satan take upon themselves the non-Christian attitudes and the characteristics of a life dominated by sin, causing this to be contrary to the will of God.

The church at Corinth had been invaded. Satan had made a beach-head and the people who were unsaved were being disillusioned. The ways of selfishness had come to be the rule in the church. The world was making the church into its image, magnifying human personalities over that of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. When the people of Corinth whose lives were dominated by Satan and the ways of the world moved into the church, the church soon began to become divided and with moral practices in its fellowship.

The church of Jesus Christ must be in the world but the ways of the world must be kept out of the church, allowing God to be Lord and Master of all programs.

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Devotional

The Compulsion Of Evangelism

By W. Douglas Huggins, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

The year of 1973 is Mississippi Baptists' year of evangelism. Long since set as our priority this year, the theme of evangelism takes precedence in all we shall attempt in all our departments. As we plan, and pray, and promote . . . what is our motivation? What is the compulsion of evangelism?



The compulsion of evangelism lies in the nature of God. Perhaps Paul sets it forth most succinctly when he says, II Cor. 5: 19-20, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" . . . and . . . "we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Evangelism inheres in the redemptive love of God for all mankind; a compassion that projected His son into the world to show men what God is like, a justice that punished sin by substituting the sinless Son to take man's place, a righteousness that produced an atonement for every believer, and a victory over the inevitability of physical death through the resurrection of the grave-defeating Christ.

In the Savior's experience of the cross, with all that went before and after it, God, in conformity with Himself, was dealing with sin, with men, with forgiveness, with justification and with adoption. In Christ's atoning death God was taking the initiative and was making possible the reconciliation of every man unto Himself.

But that isn't all. We who have been reconciled have an inescapable responsibility. We are to be Christ's ambassadors to plead with men to accept God's reconciling work on the cross. God cannot do it all. It takes both parties, — not just one, — to effect a reconciliation. God has done his work but He will not force man to accept it. Man must become reconciled through his own choice.

If I read the New Testament understandingly, that is what evangelism is. It is seeking, through every means and skill under the direction of the Holy Spirit, to make lost men aware of what God has done and then persuading them to accept that accomplishment in the vital experience of personal trust and acceptance of Christ as Savior.

Grant, O God, that we shall, in a great way this year, be "ambassadors for Christ."

BRAIN SURGERY to correct severe behavioral disorders of mental patients comes under fire and is defended. Critic is Dr. Peter R. Breggin (psychiatrist, Washington, D. C.), who says, "Psychosurgery is a crime against humanity, a crime that cannot be condoned on medical, ethical, or legal grounds." He calls it "a partial abortion of a living human being" because it often leaves patient with flattened emotional responses and lessened intellectual capacity. He believes there are 400 - 600 such operations a year. Psychosurgeons, in defense, imply that Dr. Breggin's charges are inaccurate. Says Dr. William Scoville (president, International Association for Psychosurgery): "To argue about the ethics of this seems a little bit absurd to me, because surgery of the brain has always affected behavior." He holds that operations are ethical when patient and family consent, and when outcome leaves patient better than he was. Dr. Breggin reports, "All psychosurgery is immoral because all of it dehu-

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast. — This capital is expected to double in population within the next 15 years, as are all major urban centers in developing countries of Africa, according to an article in the daily *Fraternite* Martin. The expected increase is the result of population movement from villages to cities and a declining infant mortality rate. Construction is going on in every part of this city of more than 500,000 people, and tall buildings continue to change the skyline. However, most of the rapid growth is taking place in the "shack villages" on the city's fringes, whose inhabitants arrive ill equipped for city life, says Mrs. D. Edwin Pinkston, Southern Baptist missionary. "Must they face the future without any hope of hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ?" she asks.

Psychosurgeons reply: "The doctor's duty is to relieve suffering, and psychosurgery helps far more than it harms." (Source: "The National Observer.")

New Billy Graham
Film Representative

The new Mississippi film evangelist for Billy Graham Films is Steve McKinley, a graduate of New Orleans Seminary who has held pastorates in a number of states.

Sherman Barnette, who will now be working out of Minneapolis, has

asked, that anyone interested in the films should contact Mr. McKinley at 103 Spruce Street, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571 (Phone: (601) 452-2524).

When you meet temptation, turn to the right.

One of the best things to have up your sleeve is a funny bone.

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE WITH THEIR PROBLEMS

Area Conferences Jan. 15-19, 1973

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| Jan. 16 | First Church, Brandon | 9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. |
| Jan. 17 | First Church, Booneville | 9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. |
| Jan. 19 | First Church, Kosciusko | 4:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m. |

(These conferences are designed for concerned pastors and interested members who desire to share in ideas and inspiration as to how better to meet the needs of people.)

PROGRAM

"How to Help, What to do, What Not to do"

Dr. John Harper
Dept. of Guidance Education
Mississippi State University

"Ministering to the Terminally Ill and the Family"

Rev. Gordon Shamburger
Chaplain, Mississippi Baptist Hospital

"How to Help Through Groups"

Dr. Macklyn Hubbell
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Cleveland

Adjourn for Lunch or Supper

"Meeting Special Needs"

Dr. Harper

"What's Your Question?"

Panel and Group

Announcements and Adjourn



Harper



Shamburger



Hubbell



Smylys Establish Scholarship Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Smyly, Sr., right, above, of Houston, Texas, have established the Mattie R. and Clifford J. Smyly Scholarship Fund at the college to be used to assist a ministerial student in his academic pursuits. The Smylys visited the campus recently to make their initial donation to Dr. Lewis Nobles, left, president of the college. The interest income from the fund will be used to assist a ministerial student. Smyly received the Miles Dampeer Memorial Scholarship at Mississippi College in 1933 and can fully appreciate the value of assistance to students preparing for the ministry. Rev. and Mrs. Smyly are Mississippi natives. He graduated from Mississippi College in 1933 and then entered the Southern Seminary where he was awarded the master of theology degree in 1937. He later returned to Mississippi College and earned the master of arts degree in 1968. He pastored churches in Kentucky, Mississippi and Florida for a period of 26 years and later served for 14 years as a member of the Sunday School and Training Union staffs of the Florida Baptist Convention. He is currently headmaster of Aston Academy, a private school in Houston, Texas, with a specialized program of rehabilitation for young people. Mrs. Smyly, the former Mattie Rawls Pylant, has been employed by the Petro-Tex Chemical Corporation of Houston for the past 26 years and now holds the position of traffic coordinator. The couple has two children, Clifford J. Smyly, Jr., of Miami, Fla., and Mrs. Martha Gilliam of Jacksonville, Fla.



Called To Bogue Chitto

Rev. Jimmy Houston, his wife, Joyce, and two sons, Timmy, 12, and Bart, 2, have accepted the call to the Bogue Chitto Church, Lincoln County, Carter's Creek community. They moved to the new field from Union Church of Sardis.

Bogue Chitto observed Harvest Day on November 19, the offering going toward the building fund. The church reports a "going forward for the Lord" and anticipation of a good year in 1973.

Called To Louisiana

Rev. Thomas Ayo has resigned as pastor of Spring Creek Church, Philadelphia, to accept the call as pastor of Laurel Lea Church, Baton Rouge, La. Mr. Ayo is a graduate of Clarke College, Louisiana College, and New Orleans Seminary. He is now in the final stages of completing his work on a Doctor of Ministry degree at New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Ayo is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. King, Sr. of Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Moves To Baton Rouge

Dr. Wayne E. Sterling has accepted a call to Brownfields Church, Plank Road, Baton Rouge.

Dr. Sterling is a native of Jackson, and holds the B. A. degree from Miss. College and B. D. and th.D. degrees from N. O. Seminary. For the past 21 years he has served churches in Miss., Ark., and Arizona.

For the past three years he has served as pastor of E. Fork Church, McComb, which has experienced substantial growth and has recently completed a debt-free removal of the auditorium which was paneled and bricked.

In Sept. 1970 he expanded his ministry and served two years as associate professor of religion at Whitworth College, Brookhaven.

His wife is the former Carol Lanter at West Hollywood, Fla. They have three children, Sheryl 10, Laura 6, and Mark 5. Dr. Sterling and his family will reside at 6440 St. Ann Ave., Baton Rouge, 70811.

Mississippi Student
Loan Fund Is
Established At N.O.

A Mississippi student loan fund has been initiated at New Orleans Seminary by a gift of \$1,000 from Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mitchell of Nicholson, Miss.

Established with the hope that other Mississippians will join in the endeavor, the purpose of the fund is to provide students at the seminary with low-interest loans to be repaid when the student can afford such repayment.

While it is not to be restricted to

Music Evangelism And
Leadership Renewal
Conference - January

The Music Evangelism and Leadership Renewal Conference to be held at Clarke College January 18 and 19 is co-sponsored by the Church Music Department and the Music Department of Clarke College with James McElroy, Clarke, coordinator.

Out-of-state personalities will include Dr. V. L. Stanfield, New Orleans Seminary; Cecil McGee, nationwide evangelist, Apopka, Fla.; Dick Baker, evangelistic singer, Denton, Texas; and Billy Hilburn, of Crescendo Publishing Co., Dallas, Tx.

This conference is designed to be of benefit to pastors, music directors, youth directors, and evangelists. It will deal with the evangelistic service, including music, preaching and drama.

Pre-registration is required to be sent in to Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205, with \$5 per person, which includes three meals.

1st, McComb Youth
"Find Christmas"

By Henry Maxey

Just a note to share an idea and experience we had with our youth. The Fellowship was advertised "70c and a Flashlight" and "Let's Find Christmas." The 70c was for a pizza and a coke after the initial session.

As to "finding Christmas," we crowded onto the church bus following the evening service and began to look for the real meaning of Christmas. We looked at the Mall, and down the main drag of town into the apartment and the residential areas.

Finally, we stopped two blocks from an old barn. We talked about how Mary and Joseph must have felt as they approached that stable, these deep unspoken feelings. The teens were then asked to become either Mary or Joseph and approach the "stable." As we entered we sang carols, we listened to the sounds, the animals and the night sounds. We smelled the good smells and the bad. We felt and touched all the things about us.

Then we talked about the birth of Christ, Mary's hurtings, loneliness, of how frightened she must have been and all the other things she felt. When we were through each one made a cradle of his arms and held Jesus and sang "Silent Night" and then we each made a cross of ourselves. And we tried to feel pain, agony, disappointment and hopelessness.

All were given an opportunity to give a gift to Christ, as did the wise men, by saying, "Jesus, I give you . . ."

We prayed and prayed and as we left the barn we sang, "Joy to the World."

Man, Merry Christmas, it was really there, and I believe it is wherever kids go.

We encouraged our families to do this also, and to read the Christmas story in similar surroundings as it happened 2000 years ago.

Oh yes, each family was also encouraged to make a Christmas Card, put it on the walls around the entrance to the sanctuary, and then used the money they would have spent on cards and postage for Missions.

Mississippi students, they will be given preference in the distribution of loan funds.

Others wishing to join in this effort are requested to send their designated contributions to the seminary.



Winners In Mission Poster Contest

Pictured above are the first place winners in a recent FOREIGN MISSIONS POSTER CONTEST held at HIGHLAND CHURCH, Laurel. More than 30 posters were entered in the contest sponsored by the WMU. The two bottom rows are Mission Friends, who entered a group poster. The others are Girls in Action and Acteens who entered individual posters. Lisa Graves was first place winner churchwide. The register in the background is to indicate the progress toward the Lottie Moon goal of \$3,000. Rev. Ralph Graves is pastor.



Soloists In Handel's Messiah

Seven William Carey College music majors were featured in solo parts in the annual Oratorio Choir production of Handel's "Messiah," under the direction of Dr. Donald Winters. The fifty-voice choir presented the performance in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium. Soloists, from left, on front row, were: Linda Cassidy, Julie Hubbard, Valer Turner, and Beverly Willson. Back row, from left: Harry Carter, Mike Mitchell, and Bill Wade. (Not pictured, Elaine Ross.)

Off The
Record

Echo

After hours of listening to his neighbor play on a trumpet, Mike couldn't stand it any longer.

"Shut up!" he screamed out the window. "If you don't stop playing that trumpet, I'll go crazy!"

"Too late," was the reply. "I stopped playing an hour ago."

A Losing Battle

Two girls at the cosmetic counter were discussing their problems when one said: "You can't win. When you get too old for pimples you go right into wrinkles." — Indianapolis Star Magazine.

Capacity Available?

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"Oh, is that all?" said the rich father disdainfully. "I'll buy her the best capacity on the market."

Asked what he'd learned at Sunday school, the ten-year-old began. "Well, our teacher told us about when God sent Moses behind the enemy lines to rescue the Israelites from the Egyptians. When they came to the Red Sea, Moses called for the engineers to build a pontoon bridge. After they had all crossed, they looked back and saw the Egyptian tanks coming. Quick as a flash, Moses radioed headquarters on his walkie-talkie to send bombers to blow up the bridge and save the Israelites."

"Bobby," exclaimed his startled mother, "is that really the way your teacher told that story?"

"Well, not exactly. But if I told it her way, you'd never believe it!" — Dr. John F. Anderson in Dallas News

From a church bulletin: "Our mixed chorus sang last Sunday in a regional broadcast from Minneapolis. It was nice to hear them and realize they were nearly a thousand miles away." — The Furrow

A woman testifying at a prayer meeting: "I ain't what I ought to be; and I ain't what I'm going to be; but anyway, I ain't what I was." — Northern Lights



Dial A Devotion

Working on his church's new ministry Dial A Devotion, Rev. Bob Bagley, pastor of Eastwood Church, Indianapolis, records the day's devotion on the newly installed automatic answering and devotion service which his church began recently. By dialing the local number the caller can listen to about a two-minute devotional including scripture, thoughts, and a short message.

Beulah Calls Pastor

Rev. Frank Jones has assumed the pastorate of Beulah Church, Rt. 2, Magee. He and his wife, Dorothy, and their two children, Jennifer, five and Jon, 3, moved into the pastorate on December 5.

The Joneses have for the past five years been in Arkansas, where they served churches in Booneville, Quitman, and Marshall.

Jones is a native of Stringer, Mississippi. He graduated from Clarke College, attended William Carey for one year, and after moving to Arkansas, graduated from Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia, 1969.

Baptist Men's Journal
Editor Named To
Mental Health Post

MEMPHIS (BP) — Dana Driver, editor of the Baptist Men's Journal published by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here, has been named director of public affairs for the Arlington (Tenn.) Hospital School for the Mentally Retarded.

Driver, 26, is a native of Memphis and a graduate of Memphis State University in journalism and radio and television.